FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN ESCAMBIA COUNTY ANNOUNCES COVID-19 VACCINE DISTRIBUTION PLAN



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Pensacola, Fla. – The Florida Department of Health in Escambia County (FDOH-Escambia) is announcing next week's COVID-19 vaccine distribution plan in Escambia County. Vaccines allocated by the State are being distributed through County Health Departments, which are receiving an allocation based on their county's percentage of Florida's over-65 population. Earlier today, FDOH-Escambia received an allocation of 2,500 doses of the COVID-19 Moderna vaccine and is coordinating with community partners on distribution efforts.

In partnership with Ascension Sacred Heart, Baptist Health Care, Community Health Northwest Florida and West Florida Hospital, FDOH-Escambia is distributing vaccine in Escambia County. FDOH-Escambia's allocation will be distributed accordingly:

Ascension Sacred Heart: 600 doses

Baptist Health Care: 600 doses

• Community Health Northwest Florida: 800 doses

FDOH-Escambia: 500 doses

West Florida Hospital: Assessing distribution

Some appointments will be scheduled using the information collected from FDOH-Escambia's COVID-19 online interest form. FDOH-Escambia and partner organizations are in the process of contacting these individuals to schedule appointments. Please do not contact the providers directly for these appointments.

If you completed the online form, FDOH-Escambia or our partners may reach out to you to schedule a COVID-19 vaccine appointment. On January 15, 2021, **FDOH-Escambia announced** the temporary closure of the online interest form as we continue to work through the list of individuals who completed the online form.

The COVID-19 vaccine is a monumental step toward getting this disease under control in Florida, but the department is still encouraging residents and visitors to take all precautions to protect themselves and others from the spread of the virus. These include frequent hand washing, wearing face masks, maintaining six feet of social distancing, and staying home if you are feeling sick.

For information about FDOH-Escambia and COVID-19, visit **EscambiaHealth.com** or follow us on Twitter at **@HealthyEscambia** for vaccine updates and new information.

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