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

Expanded Vaccine Eligibility Begins Today, March 22, 2021



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Pensacola, Fla. – The Florida Department of Health in Escambia County (FDOH-Escambia) is announcing this week's COVID-19 vaccine distribution plan in Escambia County. Vaccines allocated by the State are being distributed through County Health Departments. We are following the guidance from the Governor's [Executive Order](#) and the DOH State Health Office's [vaccination plan](#).

Vaccine recipients must bring proof of eligibility for one of the priority groups listed in the Governor's [Executive Order 21-67](#), effective March 22, 2021:

- Long-term care facility residents and staff;
- Persons 50 years of age and older;
- Health care personnel with direct patient contact; and
- Medically vulnerable as determined by a physician with a completed [form](#).

FDOH-Escambia was notified they would be receiving an allocation of 2,500 doses of the COVID-19 Moderna vaccine for the week of March 22, 2021. We are coordinating with community partners on distribution efforts.

In partnership with Ascension Sacred Heart, Baptist Health Care and East Hill Pharmacy, FDOH-Escambia is distributing vaccine in Escambia County. FDOH-Escambia's total allocation will be distributed accordingly:

- Ascension Sacred Heart: 800 doses
- Baptist Health Care: 800 doses
- East Hill Pharmacy: 200 doses
- FDOH-Escambia: 700 doses

Some appointments will be scheduled using the statewide pre-registration system. FDOH-Escambia and partner organizations are in the process of contacting individuals to schedule appointments.

Statewide Preregistration System for COVID-19 Vaccine Appointments

FDOH-Escambia is using the statewide preregistration system to schedule COVID-19 vaccine appointments. Escambia County residents should use the statewide preregistration system to sign up. Residents can call the toll-free line at, 866-201-1025 or preregister online at

myvaccine.fl.gov. The TTY number for the deaf and hard of hearing is 833-476-1461. Registrants will be notified when appointments are available in their area. The State has established a help line at 833-959-0217 for those who need to make changes to their original preregistration.

This preregistration system will proactively contact vaccine-eligible individuals to schedule appointments when they are available at health department or emergency management vaccine sites. Appointments are opened based upon the vaccine supply received each week from the State of Florida. It is important to know that the scheduling process will not involve collecting any payment or other financial information. Do not give any bank account, credit card, or any other type of payment to anyone, and report the caller to the Attorney General's Office by calling 866-9NO-SCAM or visiting MyFloridaLegal.com.

For More Information on COVID-19

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](https://twitter.com/HealthyEscambia) for vaccine updates and new information.

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