



## **Ivey awards \$35 million from CARES Act for health care, emergency response providers**



Since the state received \$1.8 billion from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) passed by Congress, the Medical Association has been working with the Governor's administration to allocate funds to physicians and other health care providers, who have served on the front lines during this pandemic.

In response to our advocacy and recommendations, Governor Kay Ivey has allocated \$35 million from Alabama's federal coronavirus relief money to set up a grant program to help physicians, dentists, clinics, ambulance services, and other health care and emergency response providers affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Like many professions, Alabama physicians have been severely impacted by the pandemic but have continued to provide care to Alabama citizens throughout the crisis. In fact, a recent COVID-19 impact survey revealed that more than 70% of Alabama physicians have experienced a severe financial impact on their practice, causing a disruption in their business operations, and limiting access to care," Executive Director Mark Jackson said. "We applaud Governor Ivey for making these funds available and believe that they will be critical to ensuring that physicians can continue to provide services to those who are in need of medical care."

[Coronavirus Relief Fund Information](#)

[Provider Grant Program Overview and Eligibility](#)

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[COVID-19 Relief Grant Program Website](#)

Health care and emergency response providers can apply for grants of up to \$15,000 on a first-come-first serve basis. The application period for the Alabama Health Care and Emergency Response Provider grant program starts at noon on Oct. 5 and lasts until noon on Oct. 16.

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## **Birx visits Auburn, praises SEC virus work**



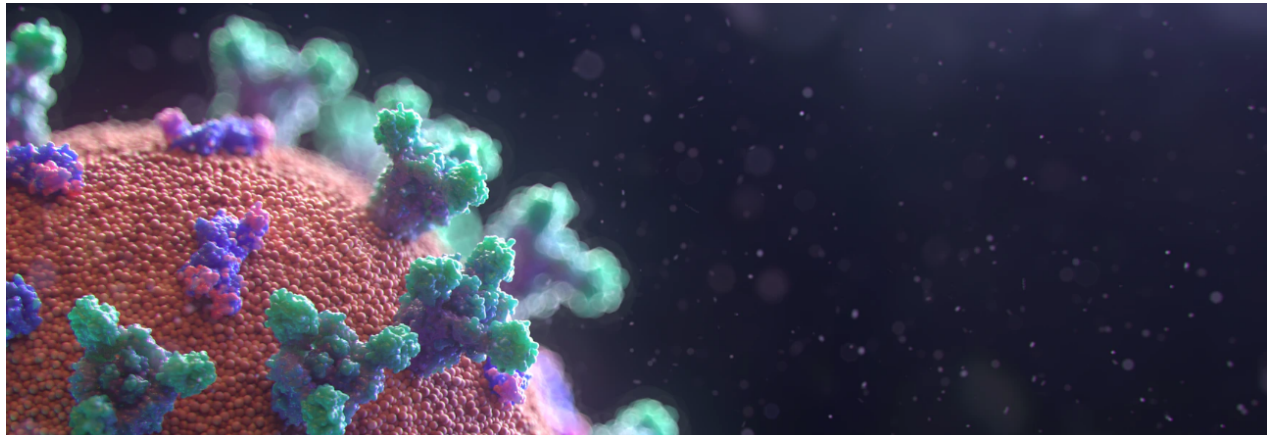
Dr. Deborah Birx, the White House Coronavirus Task Force Coordinator, visited Auburn University Thursday where she commended the campus and other Southeastern Conference schools on their work to limit the spread of COVID-19 while reopening school and restarting football.

"I've really been impressed that competitive groups have come together united in a goal of protecting their students and making sure that the communities remain healthy," Birx said. "I think what has come out of this is not an SEC of constant competition, but an SEC that shared information across the schools over the summer.

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## **Alabama adds almost 1,000 new COVID cases, Jefferson reports 133 since Wednesday**



Alabama added almost 1,000 new coronavirus cases since Wednesday.

The Alabama Department of Public Health's Sept. 24 10 a.m. numbers show the state has had 133,433 coronavirus cases since March, an increase of 981 from the day before. The state added another 72 presumed cases to bring that total to 14,773.

Alabama also reported 14 additional deaths, bringing the state's death toll to 2,349.

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# Gov. Kay Ivey, Public Health Officer Scott Harris sued over mask order, other coronavirus measures



Seven Alabama residents or business owners, represented by former state Chief Justice Roy Moore, filed a lawsuit Thursday against Gov. Kay Ivey and public health officer Dr. Scott Harris over mitigation measures implemented to combat the spread of the novel coronavirus.

Specifically, the lawsuit seeks to overturn the statewide mask order put in place by Ivey and Harris as well as now-expired restrictions over capacity limitations in churches.

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## ATTENTION ImmPRINT Providers!

### Order Free Adult Flu Vaccine

Beginning October 1, healthcare providers can order a minimum of 100 doses of **free** adult flu vaccine as an enrolled ImmPRINT provider. To enroll in ImmPRINT, visit

<https://siis.state.al.us/ImmPrint/login/login.aspx>\*

If you are a nursing home or independent pharmacy, we can assist with paying for new interfaces to ImmPRINT by emailing [immprint@adph.state.al.us](mailto:immprint@adph.state.al.us).

### Adult Flu Vaccine Target Audience

- Adults aged 19 years of age and older at-risk for flu complications\*\*
  - Pregnant women
  - Adults in congregate living and other high-density living settings
  - People who have medical conditions including the following:  
Asthma, chronic lung disease, heart disease, blood disorders (such as sickle cell disease), kidney disorders, liver disorders, weakened immune systems due to disease or medication (such as HIV/AIDS or cancer), or people with extreme obesity
- Live in AL county with low influenza vaccination coverage (includes all counties in AL)
- Part of a coverage disparity group, race, sex, or socioeconomic status

### Free Ancillary Supplies

Masks	Needles	Sharps container	Coolers
Face shields	Syringes	Alcohol swabs	Digital data loggers
Gloves	Band-aids	No touch thermometers	Tents

### Available Influenza Vaccine Ordering via ImmPRINT After **October 1, 2020**

100 doses per order minimum

Manufacturer	Brand	P Free	ETA	Total Doses
AstraZeneca	FluMist-Quad	Yes	Oct	30,650
GSK	Fluarix-Quad	Yes	Oct-Dec	23,580
GSK	FluLaval-Quad	Yes	Oct-Dec	23,580
Sanofi	Fluzone-Quad		Nov-Jan	14,420
Sanofi	Fluzone-Quad	Yes	Nov-Jan	48,710
Seqirus USA, Inc	Flucelvax-Quad	Yes	Oct-Dec	39,790
Seqirus USA, Inc	Flucelvax-Quad		Oct-Dec	23,580
Seqirus USA, Inc	Afluria-Quad	Yes	Oct-Dec	16,240
<b>Total</b>				<b>220,550</b>

\*All administered free adult flu doses must be entered into ImmPRINT via interface (HL7 connectivity) or manually within 72 hours for accountability purposes to receive more free vaccine. Additionally, reimbursement billing for the vaccine cost is not permitted, but an administrative fee can be requested.

\*\*Please refer to the Influenza Fast Flyer, page 2.

[https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/immunization/assets/influenza\\_disease\\_and\\_vac\\_flyer.pdf](https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/immunization/assets/influenza_disease_and_vac_flyer.pdf).

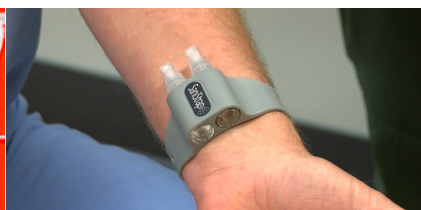


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PPE is still available!

- Direct Shipping now available
- Free shipping on orders over \$500
- No \$500 limit

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## Sanistrap

SaniStrap contains wristband, two refillable bottles, and one travel size refill bottle. Sanitizer is NOT included in order - liquid gel sanitizer is recommended.

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## Hand Sanitizer

Hand Sanitizer Options Available are:

70% Alcohol Gel Hand Sanitizer. Twelve (12), One (1) Liter bottles with pull-tab cap.

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