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

Frequently Asked Questions

COVID-19 Relief Grant Program Website

Health care and emergency response providers can apply for grants of up $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.

Read the story from AL.com

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Birx visits Auburn, praises SEC virus work

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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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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://sis.state.al.us/Imprint/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.

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
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Available Influenza Vaccine Ordering via ImmPRINT After October 1, 2020
100 doses per order minimum

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*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.
Need PPE?
PPE is still available!
- Direct Shipping now available
- Free shipping on orders over $500
- No $500 limit

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

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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