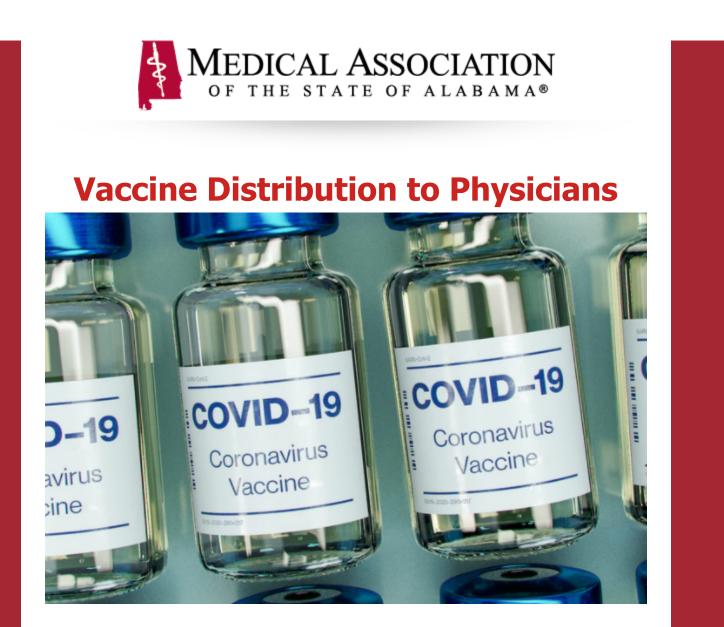


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The Medical Association is working with the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) to develop a plan to ensure early availability of the COVID-19 vaccine to physicians and their staff.

ADPH has submitted a plan to the CDC for approval that proposes details of vaccine distribution and the phases in which the vaccine will be made available to the public. This plan includes physicians, their staff, and other health care providers in the first tier of persons to receive the vaccine. Currently, there are a number of unknown variables that will determine the stratification of the distribution of the vaccine within the first tier. Foremost among these variables is the number of doses that will be initially allotted to the state of Alabama. In addition, there is the unknown factor of which vaccine manufacturer will be approved and the storage requirements that are associated with that specific vaccine. The storage requirements will dictate how the distribution will be handled. The Medical Association is also working with ADPH to determine how the vaccine will be distributed to physician practices for administration to patients once the vaccine is available to high risk individuals and other members of the general public. This particular phase of distribution is not expected to occur until the spring of 2021 or later and will again be dependent on the number of vaccine doses that are allotted to the state.

We will provide updates to our members as additional information becomes available. If you have any questions, please contact Mark Jackson at (334) 954-2500 or via his email below.

Questions? Contact us!

## **Revive Plus Program Opens Monday**



The Medical Association commends Governor Kay Ivey for securing additional funding through Revive Plus, a \$200 million grant program to support small businesses, non-profits and faith-based organizations in Alabama that have been impacted by COVID-19. Revive Plus is the second wave of funding for organizations with 50 or fewer employees and will award grants of up to \$20,000 for expenses they have incurred due to operational interruptions caused by the pandemic and related business closures.

If your practice meets the <u>eligibility requirements</u> as to the number of employees and has allowable expenses in excess of any prior award or government program, you may apply for this grant program as well for up to \$20,000. **The application portal will open on Monday, November 23.** You can view frequently asked questions about the program <u>here</u>.

See more details here

# 70% of Maternal Deaths were Preventable, MMRC finds



The Alabama Department of Public Health and Alabama Maternal Mortality Review Committee released a report on maternal mortality in the state this week. **The report found that 70% of maternal deaths in 2016 were preventable and that women of color were disproportionately affected.** The report also recommended Alabama expand Medicaid, calling a failure to do so "an underlying, yet significant factor" impacting the maternal deaths covered in the report.

"Alabama mothers deserve the best medical care that we can offer. To that end, the Medical Association supports the MMRC's recommendation of expanding Medicaid coverage for women postpartum beyond where it is today, as well as informing our communities that mental health and substance abuse issues can contribute to maternal mortality," said Dr. Meigs, Medical Association President. "Physicians have a responsibility to help mothers get the medical care that they need and deserve."

See the report here

### WHAT WE'RE READING

- Patients With SARS-CoV-2 May Present With Only Symptoms Of Delirium, Study Indicates
- Medicaid expansion would save Alabama mothers from preventable deaths
- 2,463 new COVID cases in Alabama with 90,702 recoveries; flu activity remains low
- Impact of Racism Across Generations
- ADPH asks you to weigh COVID-19 risks this Thanksgiving to protect yourself and others

# **Pre-Order N95 Respirators**

The Medical Association of the State of Alabama has partnered with ActionPPE.org and 30+ medical associations on a group buying program to procure 500,000 Honeywell H910 Plus NIOSH N95 respirators at \$3.85 each. This is a rare opportunity for us to secure "highly prized" PPE in critically short supply during the 4th wave of Covid-19.

This is a limited time group purchase for medical and related professionals who have been wondering how they can get their hands on reasonably-priced AMERICAN N95 respirators. The order will be placed as soon as we reach 500,000 ordered units. BUT, we need you to take action.

You must place an order below by clicking "Click to Pre-Order N95" and reserve your stock today. If we don't reach the minimum and can't place the order, we will refund everyone promptly. There is no risk.We need your help to get as close as possible to our goal so we can place the order. Just imagine opening a big, clean, shiny new box of Honeywell N95s in time for the holidays!

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