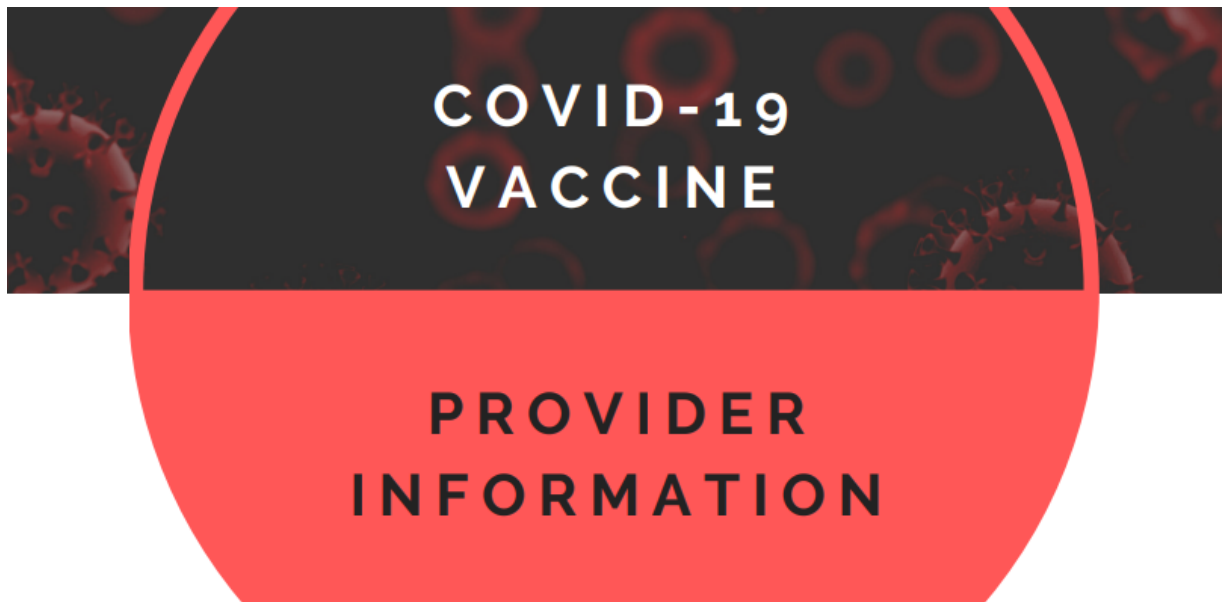




COMING SOON! Vaccine Information for Providers



The Food and Drug Administration is expected to issue an emergency use authorization for the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine this evening, a little earlier than previously planned.

If everything goes as expected, the initial round of the Pfizer vaccine should be shipped the first of the week and be in the state a few days later.

We will be sending out detailed information on Monday morning including allocation of the vaccine, where physicians will be able to get the vaccine, and much more.

Governor Ivey Signs Emergency Proclamation to Address Tax Issues Due to COVID-19 Pandemic



Today, Governor Kay Ivey signed a supplemental emergency proclamation to address the tax and economic development issues that were delayed in the Alabama Legislature's 2020 Regular Session due to the COVID-19 pandemic. **This proclamation will allow Alabama citizens and businesses to avoid paying state taxes on certain benefits received under the federal CARES Act.**

[Read the alert from Governor Ivey here](#)

Updated Alabama COVID-19 Quarantine and Isolation Timeframes



The ADPH has determined that in Alabama quarantine can end after Day 10 for some people without testing and if no symptoms have occurred during the daily required monitoring period. This option is not without risk and with this strategy, the residual transmission risk is estimated to be between approximately 1% and 10%.

The ADPH has determined that the second option of ending quarantine after 7 days with testing is not feasible at this time due to a number of factors including but not limited to the significant community spread that is not adequately mitigated, high case numbers, the increasing COVID-19 positivity rate in Alabama, and disparities and shortages in testing availability in areas of the state. The CDC indicates in the full guidance that the option for ending Quarantine after 7 days, should only be considered "when diagnostic testing resources are sufficient and available."

[See the updated guidelines here](#)

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**CMS Proposes New Rules to Address
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The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a proposed rule that would improve the electronic exchange of health care data among payers, providers, and patients, and streamline processes related to prior authorization to reduce the burden on providers and patients. By both increasing data flow, and reducing burden, this proposed rule would give providers more time to focus on their patients, and provide better quality care.

The COVID-19 pandemic has shone a harsh light on many longstanding inefficiencies in the health care system—including the lack of data sharing and access. Today's proposed rule aims to improve this for patients navigating care.

[See the proposed rule here](#)



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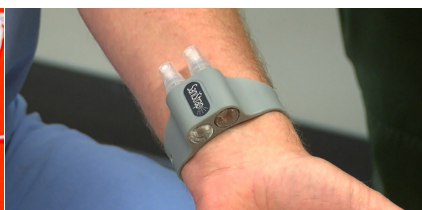


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