

### Medical Association Update | January 26, 2021

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The Medical Association wants to help Alabama physicians take advantage of the opportunity to administer the COVID-19 vaccine. Currently, Alabama is administering vaccines to healthcare

workers, residents and staff in long-term care facilities, first responders, and individuals 75 years of age and older.

Volunteers may serve in various locations including county health departments or hospitals to help administer the vaccine and provide assistance in the midst of staffing shortages. The Medical Association will coordinate getting volunteers connected with locations in need of support.

Interested in volunteering? Contact Mallory Camerio here

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## Vaccine Supply Update: What You Need to Know



- There is a shortage of available vaccines in Alabama.
- The Federal Government determines the quantity of vaccine that is allocated to the state.
- COVID-19 Cases—445,909
- COVID-19 Deaths—6,896
- COVID-19 Hospitalizations (as of January 25) —41,069
- Currently eligible for vaccine—326,000 healthcare providers, nursing home residents, law enforcement officers, firefighters and 350,000 persons age 75+
- Average 1st Doses of Vaccine Shipped to Alabama Per Week—50,000 to 60,000
- Vaccine Doses Administered—266,306
- The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) has no input into the quantity allocated and is typically notified less than 24 hours before the vaccine is shipped.
- The quantity and timing of the shipments vary from week to week, making it difficult to form a concrete plan.
- All available vaccine sitting on shelves in County Health Departments is obligated to persons that have made appointments.
- As more vaccines become available, ADPH continues to work to ensure that more providers will have the supply to administer vaccines.

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### Do you prescribe opioids for chronic pain and worry about the risks?

If you are registered with the DEA to prescribe opioids, this **FIRST** and **ONLY** clinical trial measuring prescriber risk mitigation and its impact on patient outcomes may be for you.

#### SUREMEDCOMPLIANCE.COM / TRIAL - 2021 STUDY FOR OPIOID PRESCRIBERS

#### **Study for Opioid Prescribers**

We're looking for DEA registered healthcare providers who treat chronic pain and regularly prescribe opioids to examine the effectiveness of a non-pharmaceutical patient and provider intervention within pain management settings.

Many opioid prescribers feel conflicted when deciding which patients are suitable for opioid therapy and which patients are not. The wrong decision can lead to additional risk for both the patient and provider. This research seeks to measure a novel educational and assessment platform on its ability to improve patient outcomes and mitigate prescriber risk.

### Participants will be asked to participate in:

- One online continuing medical education
   presentation
- Two surveys
- 10 random chart audits

#### Participants will receive:

- One hour of CME credit
- Free 1-year access to Sure Med Compliance products and services

Location	Are you eligible?	Questions?
Clinics must be located in: • Alabama • Florida • Georgia • Tennessee • Mississippi	<ul> <li>Minimum 10 active, chronic opioid therapy patients (per provider)</li> <li>No prior use of Sure Med Compliance products or services</li> <li>Within the study location</li> </ul>	Contact: Karen Pheasant Account Director Email: kpheasant@ suremedcompliance.com Phone: 941.773.7138



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To participate in this Clinical Trial, click here

### **Ask the Expert**



If you have questions about COVID-19 testings, treatments, vaccinations, or anything else, ask an expert! All you have to do is submit your question(s) using the button below and we will find an expert in that field to answer. Here is one of the questions from a previous alert:

" If a person has had both doses of the COVID vaccine, and they are exposed to a positive COVID individual, do they need to quarantine/isolate/test. Can they simply just show their immunization card to bypass these steps? How long after the 2nd COVID immunization should a person wait to be considered immune? Will this make a difference in the need to quarantine/isolate/test if they are exposed to a positive COVID person?" - Dr. Deborah Smith, CMO/Peds

"CDC has not changed its isolation and quarantine guidance yet to account for vaccination status, but we expect this to happen soon. While it is certainly reasonable to expect that a fully immunized person would have much less risk of infection, there is nothing different that is currently recommended. " - Dr. Scott Harris, ADPH

See all questions and answers here.

We will update this document as we get more questions and answers.

Ask a Question

### WHAT WE'RE READING

- **Updated Vaccine Provider Toolkit**
- Highly transmissible COVID-19 variant detected for first time in United States •
- 5 ways physicians can identify, help human trafficking victims
- Drug overdoses climbed in Alabama during pandemic
- ADPH Offering Free COVID-19 Vaccines in Several Counties Across Alabama



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