

UPDATED DETAILS AS OF MARCH 4, 2021



Covid-19 Vaccine

Good afternoon:

To date, we have vaccinated approximately 33,000 people at Baptist Health including our front line employees and medical staff, some of our most vulnerable patients and eligible members of our community who are age 65 or older, or who have certain medical conditions that put them at high risk of severe illness from COVID-19. We are immensely proud of the work that the organization has done to mobilize quickly and help protect our community from COVID-19.

We currently have a very limited supply of vaccines from the state, and are providing vaccines for Baptist Health employees and medical staff members who have direct contact with patients and who work in patient care settings in [priority groups 1A and 1B](#). If you are in these groups and would like to receive a vaccine, please communicate with your leader, who will notify the [vaccine entity champion](#) as soon as possible. A member of the vaccine team will then contact you to schedule your appointment.

In addition, we are providing vaccines for the following individuals in our community:

- Those who are **under 65 with high-risk medical conditions**, beginning with our cancer patients and those with high-risk heart conditions. We are working with physicians to identify these patients and are contacting patients directly. Additionally, at this time, individuals who are under the age of 65 and are deemed medically vulnerable by a physician may be able to receive their COVID-19 vaccine with Baptist Health, based on vaccine availability. We are beginning by reaching out to individuals whose original appointments had to be canceled due to vaccine supply constraints, and are communicating with those individuals directly.
- **Individuals who are age 65 or over**. We are reaching out to individuals whose original appointments to receive the vaccine with Baptist Health were canceled due to supply constraints and will reschedule those appointments based on vaccine availability.
- Individuals who meet the criteria noted above and who are **patients of community clinics supported by Baptist Health**. We are working with these clinics to identify patients who meet criteria and schedule these individuals for their vaccine appointments.

Across the state, individuals who are age 65 and older are eligible for vaccination. In addition, individuals under 65 deemed extremely vulnerable by a physician are also eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. The Florida Department of Health recently released [this form](#), for people under 65 to verify eligibility for COVID-19 vaccination. The state's [vaccine locator tool](#) is a great resource to help find available vaccination locations.

Additionally, the state is offering residents a way to pre-register for the vaccine and save their place in line as vaccines become available, by visiting <https://myvaccine.fl.gov>. Anyone who has not yet received a vaccine is encouraged to register on this site.

We understand that many people who have not yet received the vaccine are eager to do so. As the vaccine distribution process evolves, we will continue to provide vaccines for our employees, patients and community in accordance with the state of Florida's guidelines as supply allows.

Questions

Please direct any questions to your local Occupational Health team during office hours ([click here](#) for Occupational Health locations and contact information), the Occupational Health Hotline number after hours at 786-596-2345 or via email at COVID19Vaccine@baptisthealth.net

