



# Covid-19 Vaccine

## COVID-19 Vaccination Update

To date, we have vaccinated approximately 25,000 people at Baptist Health including our front line employees and medical staff, some of our most vulnerable patients and eligible members of the 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.

Since the vaccine rollout began in mid-December, we have received vaccine supply each week from the State of Florida to meet our demand. However, at this time, we have not received an allocation of first-dose vaccines for this week and beyond, and the timing of any subsequent deliveries remains unclear. Due to these supply constraints, we must make the following changes to our vaccine distribution prioritization, **effective Wednesday, January 20**:

### First Doses:

- **All current appointments for first doses are being canceled.** However, we are prioritizing and rescheduling frontline employees and medical personnel, including medical staff members, in group 1A. [Click here](#) for prioritization details. At this time, we are only able to provide appointments for employees and medical staff in group 1A. If you are in group 1A and you would like a vaccine, please see below:
  - If you need to schedule an appointment or make a new appointment, please speak with your leader to help schedule your appointment.
    - Leaders, please be sure to forward these names to your entity champions as soon as possible.
- We are canceling all scheduled first-dose appointments for eligible family members of employees and medical staff who live in the same household and meet criteria for vaccination and suspending the scheduling of any new appointments.
- We are canceling all scheduled first-dose appointments for eligible community members and suspending the scheduling of any new appointments.
- We will continue to provide the vaccine to our cancer patients at Miami Cancer Institute and Lynn Cancer Institute.

### Second Doses:

- We will provide second doses of the vaccine to employees, medical staff and community members who have already received the first dose of the vaccine at one of Baptist Health's vaccination sites.

- Appointments for second doses are given at the time of the first dose administration. Those appointments remain unchanged.
  - Please note, some individuals may be contacted to change the time of your second-dose appointment.

We understand that this news is disconcerting, and we share in your concern. We have worked tirelessly to vaccinate our eligible employees, patients and community members as quickly as possible, but are limited by vaccine availability. We hope that the much needed vaccine doses will be provided in the coming days, allowing us to reschedule canceled appointments as soon as possible, based on vaccine availability. However, in the absence of a stable vaccine supply, we believe it is in the best interest of our frontline personnel and of our community to make the changes outlined above.

We will continue to re-evaluate our schedules based on supply and will communicate with those who are affected individually.

