

Important Updates for Health Care Provider Telephone Conference Call for COVID-19

FSOMA has sent the membership several reminders announcing that the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) has resumed hosting its weekly COVID-19 Conference Call. No recording or transcript of these calls will be available from the FL DOH, so FSOMA will continue providing a meeting summary for those members unable to listen-in on the call.

Summary: Florida's Surgeon General, Dr. Rivkees provided details regarding availability and distribution information for the Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccinations. Many of the details he provided were specific to the vaccination trials' outcomes related to efficacy. He highlighted that in addition to these vaccines, additional vaccines and monoclonal antibodies are in development and FDA approval stages. Dr. Rivkees emphasized that meeting the supply and delivery demands of this mass vaccination effort would likely depend on the development and availability of additional vaccines and therapeutics.

Dr. Rivkees cited that early data from the vaccination efforts in England (UK) show +90 efficacy in reducing viral infections, but show a statistically small number of adverse events, including anaphylactic reactions. The FDA/CDC/FL DOH have updated the guidance for vaccination providers and require them to maintain anaphylaxis kits to deploy epinephrine and Benadryl to vaccine recipients, if needed.

Dr. Rivkees reviewed the COVID-19 Florida Vaccination Plan Phases I, II and III. For more details visit: [Florida DOH Vaccination Plan - Draft October 2020](#). Summary of the plan includes: Phase I: Vaccination for hospital staff and patients, Long-term care facilities residents/staff & EMS responders; Phase II: Critical Infrastructure Workers and County Health Department Mass Vaccination Plan (priority health & age demographics); and Phase III: County Health Department Mass Vaccination Plan (priority general population). The timeframe for roll-out of Phase I – III depends on vaccine availability, resources management and other logistics, and is subject to the local county Emergency Management and Health Department officials' assessment of their communities needs and priorities.

Dr. Rivkees urged those providers who work outside of a hospital, and who are at increased risk of COVID-19 exposure or have concerns about enhanced personal health risk factors to contact their public health officials or local hospital to ask if their vaccination plan includes a priority option for health care providers/staff not working in a hospital setting.

If you are interested in joining the weekly telephone conference call, please see the updated call-in information below:

Meeting Date: Every Tuesday - Time: 5:30 pm, ET

Call-In Number: 888-585-9008 - Conference Room ID: 208-305-233

Participants are asked to email questions in advance to Provider.COVID19@flhealth.gov no later than close of business on the Monday preceding the call. All participants will be muted during these calls to help streamline information delivery.