



An Update from the Broward County COVID-19 JIC – March 3, 2021

Broward JIC Snapshot #14: Governor Expands Vaccine Eligibility

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- On Monday, March 1, Governor Ron DeSantis issued [Executive Order Number 21-47](#), which expands the populations eligible for vaccination to include K-12 school employees age 50+, sworn law enforcement officers age 50+, and firefighters age 50+. DOH-Broward will be administering these vaccines in collaboration with partners in closed PODS. All other vaccination efforts for seniors 65+ and frontline healthcare workers are continuing.
- The Governor’s latest Executive Order also clarifies that access to the vaccine for individuals “extremely vulnerable to COVID-19” must be determined by a physician using eligibility criteria defined by the Department of Health. This criteria is still under development. Further details on how this will be implemented in Broward County will be shared as available.
- On February 28, the FDA announced that the Johnson & Johnson single dose vaccine received Emergency Use Authorization in the U.S. for individuals 18 years of age and older. Broward County has not yet received any allocation of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

[Read FDA News Release](#)

[About the Johnson & Johnson Vaccine](#)

DOH-Broward and partners are administering vaccine to eligible residents almost as soon as the limited supplies come in. Behind the scenes, they have been pre-planning for rapid expansion of the vaccine program, once additional supplies are received. For example, implementation plans were already well underway for the just-announced expansion of eligibility to K-12 school employees, law enforcement and fire personnel. New vaccination site locations are planned for eastern Broward County, as soon as vaccine becomes available. Details on these and other expansion efforts to come.

ONE YEAR AGO THIS MONTH...

- On March 1, 2020, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis declared a public health emergency in Florida.
- On March 9, 2020, Governor DeSantis declared a State of Emergency in Florida.
- On March 10, 2020, Broward County declared a Local State of Emergency.
- On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic.
- On March 13, 2020 President Donald J. Trump declared a national emergency.
- On March 22, 2020, Broward County issued Emergency Order 20-01, first in series of EOs to help ensure public safety as South Florida became the epicenter of the pandemic in Florida.

HOW TO GET VACCINATED

There are several to register for a vaccine. All vaccination sites will offer vaccines only to those deemed eligible for vaccine by the Governor’s Executive Order.

- **Florida Department of Health registration** – Eligible individuals can register for vaccine appointments online at myvaccine.fl.gov or by calling 866-201-6313 (TTY 833-476-1526). Eligible individuals will be contacted when an appointment is available for them.
- **Schedule through a [participating hospital](#)** – supplies of vaccine are very limited.

To check availability and schedule an appointment with local pharmacies and retail stores, please visit:

- **Walmart and Sam’s Club registration** - Walmart.com/COVIDvaccine or samsclub.com/covid. Read [more...](#)
- **Publix registration** - <https://www.publix.com/covid-vaccine/florida>
- **CVS registration** - <https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine>

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For DOH-Broward, visit FloridaHealth.gov; call 866-779-6121 or eMail COVID-19@flhealth.gov
For Broward County, visit Broward.org/Coronavirus; or call **COVID-19 Hotline** at 954-357-9500

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