



HOUSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

To: All Officers and Members
From: Matthew White, Assistant Fire Chief *MW*
Through: Justin Wells, Executive Assistant Fire Chief *JW*
Subject: COVID Vaccine Availability
Date: December 9, 2020

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The City of Houston and the Houston Fire Department are finalizing plans to provide HFD members with access to COVID-19 vaccines.

As with other vaccines offered to HFD members (Hep B, Tetanus, MMR, TB, Seasonal Flu), the vaccination is voluntary.

The Texas Department of Health and Human Services [DSHS] Expert Vaccine Allocation Plan [EVAP] has identified 911 Emergency EMS Responders to be amongst the first recipients of the vaccine to protect themselves, their families and the citizens they serve. HFD would like to thank everyone who encouraged the EVAP to recognize 911 Emergency EMS Responders as a priority for vaccination.

In order to plan an efficient vaccine roll-out **we are asking that all members** complete an anonymous poll to help us measure interest in the vaccine. Your personal information will not be collected by the poll, and your answer will not impact your access to the COVID-19 vaccine.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=EFqoV4sItEWIGclsdyEJTPVZuXswPrFKs4UGRtVeO5tUNk9YNjU0Tk9VRDRYN1cxSENDVjRXWVNaoCQIQCN0PWcu>

HFD members assigned to Emergency Response will receive a registration link from either Methodist Hospital or the Houston Health Department when vaccine becomes available. All members should closely monitor their city emails for updates.

HFD Staff and Support (Inspection, Arson, OEC, etc.) personnel will be included in a subsequent phase and will be contacted via city email or department notification for registration.

The provided links in this memorandum are to COVID Vaccine information.

Questions and concerns about this memorandum may be sent through the chain of command to Sr. Captain David Riegor at David.riegor@houstontx.gov (713) 806-7633.

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Additional Resources and Up-To-Date COVID-19 Vaccine Information

FDA COVID-19 Vaccine Information and Updates

<https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/covid-19-vaccines>

ACIP COVID-19 Vaccine Information and Updates

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/vacc-specific/covid-19.html>

CDC COVID-19 FAQ's and Vaccine Information

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html>

Texas Department of State Health Services COVID-19 Vaccine Information

<https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/coronavirus/immunize/vaccine.aspx>

International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF)

<https://www.iaff.org/wp-content/uploads/Joint-Statement-on-COVID19-Vaccines.pdf>

<https://www.firehouse.com/safety-health/news/21163848/iaff-urges-firefighters-to-get-highest-priority-for-covid-vaccine#&qid=1&pid=2>



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