



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: Expanding COVID Vaccine Availability – Baylor St. Luke’s Medica Center
Date: December 29, 2020

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HFD EMS Command is continuing to work with community partners to ensure that HFD members who want the COVID-19 vaccine have multiple opportunities to receive it. In addition to Methodist Hospital System, the department has partnered with **Baylor St. Luke’s Medical Center** to offer COVID-19 vaccines to the list of DSHS Phase 1A eligible members from HFD Emergency Response Operations.

The attachment to this memorandum contains a first come, first serve QR code from St. Luke’s. If no appointments are available, members should continue to check the QR link, as future dates will be released as needed.

Members interested in receiving the COVID vaccine are encouraged to choose the provider and location that works best for them. The Pfizer vaccine is a 2-dose vaccine and the second vaccine must be administered at least 21 days apart. The Moderna Vaccine is a 2-dose vaccine and the second vaccine must be administered at least 28 days apart. Members should follow their chosen provider’s instructions for scheduling their second dose. Registration links will be sent via city email addresses as more vaccine providers become available. Members need to check the ‘Other’ and ‘Spam’ folders in their emails in case the notifications wind up in these folders.

As Methodist and St. Luke’s continue to offer vaccination opportunities to HFD’s Emergency Responders, ICO will begin the process of offering vaccinations to HFD Staff and Support (Inspection, Arson, OEC, VJTF, etc.). The provided links in this memorandum are for more information regarding COVID-19 vaccines.

Questions and concerns about this memorandum may be sent through the chain of command to Sr. Captain David Riegor at David.riegor@houstontx.gov or (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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Date: December 28, 2020

Re: **COVID-19 Vaccine**-Phase 1A Tier 1 & 2

Dear All:

In accordance with the State's COVID-19 vaccination prioritization algorithm, we are happy to offer the COVID-19 vaccine to your phase 1A Tier 1 & 2 staff while supplies last.

Please have your staff sign up following the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/McNair>



Appointments are made on a **first come, first serve basis** and by appointment only. **Initial days available are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday this week (12/28-30)**. Future dates will be released as needed.

We will accommodate all we can based on current vaccine availability and hopefully more as future allocations are received.

To assure we are adhering to the State's 1A criteria, a signed attestation will be required at the appointment.

Sincerely,

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