



Dear Baptist MD Anderson Patient,

Because you have been a patient at Baptist MD Anderson Cancer Center, we wanted to keep you apprised of our COVID-19 vaccination plan.

While Baptist MD Anderson does not directly receive any vaccines from the State, our cancer center has access to the supplies of COVID-19 vaccines received by Baptist Health. However, these supplies are extremely limited and timing of receipt is often unpredictable.

When vaccine supplies are received, the State dictates how the doses are to be used. Recently, our designated supplies of Moderna vaccine have been delivered with instructions to provide the doses only to **medically vulnerable individuals under the age of 65**. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) provides a list of underlying medical conditions that are known to increase risk of COVID-19 infection; these are: cancer, chronic kidney disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, cardiomyopathy, coronary artery disease, down syndrome, heart failure, immunocompromise due to solid organ transplant, obesity/severe obesity, pregnancy, sickle cell disease and type 2 diabetes.

We wish that there was more vaccine currently available and that everyone who wanted a vaccine could simply call for an appointment. But until there is more availability, Baptist Health's Ethics Committee is using its clinical judgement to identify outpatients who are among our region's most vulnerable individuals.

**In accordance with the Executive Order, our first priority at this time is to administer available first doses to our patients who are Florida residents under age 64 with two or more of the conditions listed above.**

Using our patient database, we are contacting qualifying patients via email as well as calling patients for whom we have no email address, to offer COVID-19 vaccine appointment opportunities when supplies allow. All vaccines are administered in the hospital setting; none are available in physician offices or at Baptist MD Anderson Cancer Center.

If you are a current patient of Baptist MD Anderson Cancer Center, we have you in our patient database for contact when we can offer you a vaccine appointment. If you wish to take the extra measure of being placed on a wait list, email [covid19@bmcjax.com](mailto:covid19@bmcjax.com).

If you don't want to wait, and would like a list of other sites where you can get a vaccine, visit: <https://www.baptistjax.com/services/covid19/covid-19-vaccine>.

Note: If you already received a first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine at Baptist Health, you will receive a reminder for your second dose. You do not need to make another appointment.

If you have questions that are not answered here, call our COVID Vaccine Hotline at **904.302.5050** Monday – Friday, during business hours.

Thank you.

*Baptist MD Anderson Cancer Center*

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