

**Mission:**

To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.



**Ron DeSantis**  
Governor

**Scott A. Rivkees, MD**  
State Surgeon General

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**STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY**

In Re:  
PRIORITIZATION OF FLORIDIANS  
FOR COVID-19 VACCINATIONS  
GIVEN IN FLORIDA

**WHEREAS**, Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a severe acute respiratory illness that presents with symptoms similar to those of influenza; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 1, 2020, I declared a Public Health Emergency exists in the State of Florida as a result of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 23, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-315, which remains in effect and which limits the populations to whom providers in Florida may administer the COVID-19 vaccine; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 vaccine remains scarce within the United States and vaccine availability in Florida is extremely limited.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Scott A. Rivkees, M.D., as State Surgeon General and State Health Officer, determine that a public health advisory is necessary to protect public health and safety, and hereby issue the following public health advisory:

**PRIORITIZATION OF FLORIDIANS FOR COVID-19 VACCINE IN FLORIDA**

Prior to providing the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine to the intended recipient, every vaccine provider in Florida should ensure the recipient of the vaccine is either:

1) a resident of the State of Florida able to demonstrate residency consistent with the criteria set forth in § 381.986(5)(b), Fla. Stat.; or

2) an individual present in Florida for the purpose of providing health care services involving direct contact with patients.

Issued this 21st day of January 2021, in Department of Health offices,  
Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Scott Rivkees".

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Scott A. Rivkees, M.D.  
State Surgeon General