



What you need to know

This fact sheet provides key updates on practice staffing, testing and treatment, and information to keep your practice viable during the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19 Vaccine Information

1. HCMS has created a [COVID-19 Vaccine FAQs for Physicians](#) to answer questions such as [where to get the vaccine](#) and information on how to register to administer the vaccine.
2. HCPH Vaccine Locations for Healthcare Workers
 - o HCPH has been administering a limited supply of COVID-19 vaccines to designated members of Tier 1A and 1B. Go to the [HCPH website](#) for regular updates on when additional vaccines will be available.
3. Houston Health Department
 - a. The Houston Health Department is offering vaccine to those who meet the Phase 1A and Phase 1B criteria. All appointments for the Houston Health Department vaccine clinic are filled for the remainder of January 2021. No additional appointments are being made. Check [HHD](#) website for updates.
4. [Texas DSHS COVID-19 Vaccine Plan \(Draft\)](#)

DSHS COVID-19 Vaccine Registry

1. Sign up to administer the COVID-19 Vaccine
5. [10 things you need to know to administer the COVID-19 vaccine \(TMA\)](#)
2. To enroll, go to [EnrollTexasIZ.dshs.texas.gov](https://enroll.texas.gov)
 - Only providers registered through this site can receive and administer the COVID-19 vaccine in Texas.
 - For questions, call DSHS COVID-19 Vaccine Provider hotline at (877) 835-7750 or email COVID19VacEnroll@dshs.texas.gov.
 - For registration assistance go to [COVID-19 Vaccine Portal Registration Guide \(TXDSHS\)](#)
 - **TMA has created a [checklist](#) to assist you in getting registered.**

Treatment and Testing

1. The FDA approved the antiviral drug Veklury (remdesivir) for use in adult and pediatric patients 12 years of age and older and weighing about 88 pounds for the treatment of COVID-19 requiring hospitalization. See the [FAQs on Remdesivir](#).
2. FDA approved an emergency use authorization for the investigational monoclonal antibody therapy Bamlanivimab for the treatment of mild-to-moderate COVID-19 in adult and pediatric patients. Go to <https://www.fda.gov/media/143603/download> for more information.

Testing

1. The FDA has issued an emergency use authorization for the first COVID-19 diagnostic test for self-testing at home and that provides rapid results. The Lucira COVID-19 All-In-One Test Kit is a molecular (real-time loop mediated amplification reaction) single use test that is intended to detect the novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 that causes COVID-19. The test is available by prescription only. [Click here](#) for details.
2. [Harris County Public Health \(HCPH\)](#) encourages its residents to get tested. For screening information, patients can go to <https://bit.ly/2Yp5p8K>, or call 832-927-7575.
3. Houston residents also can call the Houston Health Department's (HHD) COVID-19 Call Center at 832-393-4220, between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m., or go to <https://houstonemergency.org/covid-19-testing> for more testing options.
4. Texas Division of Emergency Management is offering free drive-thru testing. To obtain a test, visit <https://txcovidtest.org> or call 512-883-2400.

Practice Viability

1. The [practice viability section](#) of the HCMS COVID-19 web page provides information designed to keep your practice viable.
2. The [Texas Medical Board](#) has issued waivers and guidance on issues surrounding minimum standards of safe practice, telemedicine, license renewal extensions and more.

For additional COVID-19 information, click on the links below:

- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- [Texas Department of State Health Services](#)
- [TMA COVID-19 Resources Page](#)
- [Harris County Medical Society](#)

If you have questions, concerns or feedback, contact us at webadmin@hcms.org.