



LHA COVID-19 ALERT



LHA COVID-19 C-Suite Alert: LDH Updates Remdesivir Allocation Process, Requests Weekly Verification Email Starting Tomorrow

In response to the updates made to the Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) remdesivir (RDV) distribution process to hospitals, the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) is asking hospitals to validate requested allocations weekly.

LDH's Director of Pharmacy Leah Michael is asking that hospital pharmacy directors email their weekly requested allocation amounts by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesdays so that the allocation data supplied by the State to HHS can be as accurate as possible to meet the anticipated needs of each hospital in our state and the quantity each facility intends to purchase. LDH issued a [memo](#) outlining the changes to the process and the impacts to the existing allocation methodology.

ALLOCATION PROCESS SUMMARY

- **Wednesday by 5 p.m.:** Hospitals email their weekly allocation requests to rdv.pharm@la.gov.
- **Thursday:** HHS informs LDH of its weekly allocation amount. Then, LDH develops an allocation model based on hospitals' requests.
- **Friday:** The allocation model is sent by LDH to AmerisourceBergen (ABC).
- **Monday:** ABC notifies hospitals of their finalized allocation amount.
- **Tuesday:** Weekly shipments begin from ABC to hospitals.

Currently, HHS has secured all of Gilead's projected production of RDV through September; however, the availability and cost of RDV after September is not known, so we encourage hospitals to take that into consideration when making RDV requests to ensure your facility has an adequate supply to address your hospital's ongoing pandemic response.

If you have additional questions, contact LDH Director of Pharmacy Services Leah Michael at leah.michael@la.gov, 504-568-5023 (office) or 504-201-2737 (cell).

Note: This Alert is being distributed on July 28, 2020 to **hospital C-Suite personnel** in the LHA database.

This and other local, state and national hospital-specific resources and guidance from trusted sources can be found on the LHA's COVID-19 [webpage](#).