

Oral Healthcare Providers Included in Latest Phase of COVID-19 Vaccinations

The COVID-19 vaccine is currently being administered to the LSU Health New Orleans School of Dentistry (LSUSD) community. The first doses of the vaccine were given to faculty, staff, students and residents in early January.

"It is the hope that all personnel and students will be fully vaccinated by the end of February, but that goal is dependent on vaccine availability," says Dr. Robert Laughlin, LSUSD Dean.

LSUSD dental students and residents were some of the first to receive the first dose of the vaccine. Fourth-year dental student Gerard Scannell said, "I was vaccinated to protect you, patients and everyone from me. We give numerous recommendations to our patients that are based on research and I believe the vaccine will offer a safer dental environment."



Vaccine benefits:

1. Protection from infection with COVID-10
2. A safer way to help build protection against the virus
3. The vaccine is an important tool to help stop the pandemic

Even after receiving the vaccine, masks will still be required to enter all LSU Health facilities

Upcoming Courses

March

19-20

Moderate Sedation Review Course

March

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Minimal and No-Prep Veneers/Cosmetic Dentistry for Adolescents & Young Adults

April

16-17

How to Fabricate a New Generation of Hybrid Dentures of Edentulous Patients

Celebrating Achievement

Kitrina Cordell, DDS, MS associate professor of oral and maxillofacial pathology and head of the Department of Diagnostic Sciences, received the LSUSD Luminary of Leadership Award for demonstrating leadership during the COVID crisis. The Department of Diagnostic Sciences promotes the highest standards in education and practice and was able to continue with those objectives. Due to the commitment of the Department of Diagnostic Services faculty members and Dr. Cordell's leadership, the LSU Oral Pathology Biopsy Service remained at a fully functioning level. She was nominated for the award by Dr. Christopher Spencer, a member of her department. Dr. Cordell joined LSUSD in 2010, became the interim chair in 2014 and was then named chair in 2016. Since joining the school, she has been an integral part of the school's teaching and leadership.

