

Below is a message from the Polk County Local Health Authority, Dr. Raymond Luna, MD regarding information on the COVID-19 vaccine.

THE COVID-19 VACCINE IS:

SAFE:

The biotech firms, Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson have each developed COVID vaccines. These companies rigorously tested their vaccines for safety. Their safety data was reviewed by independent scientists with the Food and Drug Administration who then approved the vaccines for general use. Since then, over 130 million doses of vaccine have been given in the United States and there is absolutely NO evidence to suggest these vaccines are not safe.

EFFECTIVE:

All three of these vaccines are good at preventing all COVID infections and they are **EXTREMELY GOOD** at preventing the most serious cases that result in hospitalization or death.

AVAILABLE:

On Monday March 29th anyone 18 years of age and older qualifies for a vaccine. In Polk County we have multiple options including:

- Polk County Emergency Management - Sign up at: www.etxcovidvaccine.com
- Brookshire Brothers: 936-327-4354
- CVS: 936-327-2561
- Wal Mart: 936-327-1294
- Walgreen's: 936-327-1086

For additional information on how to access the COVID vaccine locally, please visit <http://polkcountyoem.com/information/covidvaccine>

NEEDED:

COVID cases and deaths in Texas and nationally are trending down. If we can get a large majority of our population vaccinated and continue mask use and social distancing, we can stop this pandemic. Allowing the virus to linger and spread only gives it time to mutate to more lethal and resistant forms. This pandemic has been deadly and painful. We have the means to end it NOW. Stay cautious. Get Vaccinated!!