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Headline:

Doctors Step Up to Remove Barriers to Vaccines — Call on State Leaders to Act

Subheadline:

Louisiana's new prescription requirement blocks timely access to life-saving vaccines. Volunteer doctors are giving their time and money, but say state action is urgently needed.

Dateline:

LAFAYETTE, LA — September 29, 2025

Lead Paragraph:

Doctors for Access, a grassroots network of Louisiana physicians, is running free prescription pop-up drives to ensure families can get vaccinated this season. Louisiana is one of the only states that still requires prescriptions for recommended adult vaccines — a barrier that doctors warn is putting lives, hospitals, and entire communities at risk.

Supporting Paragraphs:

Vaccines are proven to reduce deaths and hospitalizations. Seasonal vaccines also decrease heart attacks and strokes. Everyone deserves access to this level of protection. Yet this year, for the first time, Louisiana pharmacies are requiring prescriptions for recommended vaccines. Rising healthcare costs and the state's severe physician shortage mean that for many, there is no avenue to get a prescription at all. This barrier leaves many of our most high-risk neighbors without protection.

Local physicians are stepping in, paying out of their own pockets and giving time away from their families, to write free prescriptions so less people are denied care. But doctors stress that these volunteer efforts cannot meet the need alone. Without state action, Louisiana will suffer preventable deaths this viral season. Several states have issued executive orders allowing pharmacies to bypass prescription requirements. Louisiana residents deserve that same timely support — and state leaders can make it happen.

Event Details

The first prescription drive will be held Friday, October 3, from 1–3 pm at Lafayette Internal Medicine Clinic, 206 Energy Parkway. Prescriptions will require a photo ID and patients must be eighteen or older. Pregnant patients are encouraged to attend.

Quotes:

Dr. Britni Hebert, Doctors for Access:

“Our safest viral season is with vaccines. Prescription barriers cost lives. State leaders can fix this.”

Dr. Britni Hebert, Doctors for Access:

“No medical intervention in history has saved more lives, with less risk, than vaccines. The prescription barrier is unnecessary, and it’s blocking families from care. Our state can remove that barrier today and save lives.”

Boilerplate:

About Doctors for Access

A grassroots group of Louisiana doctors is stepping up with free prescription drives so less people are blocked from life-saving vaccines.

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