

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(14)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** January 20, 2021

**FROM:** Geri Bonzon-Keenan  
Successor County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution directing the County Mayor to take available measures to ensure equity in the dissemination of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) vaccines to low-income residents in Miami-Dade County by, at a minimum, providing walk-up COVID-19 vaccination sites and mobile COVID-19 vaccination units, and ensuring vaccination appointments may be made by telephone; and directing the County Mayor to publicly promote the dissemination of the COVID-19 vaccine to low-income communities within Miami-Dade County through a public messaging campaign

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Eileen Higgins.



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Please note any items checked.

- "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Statement of social equity required
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- No committee review
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's present \_\_\_\_, 2/3 membership \_\_\_\_, 3/5's \_\_\_\_, unanimous \_\_\_\_, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) \_\_\_\_, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) \_\_\_\_, or CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2) \_\_\_\_ ) to approve
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

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1-20-21

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR’S DESIGNEE TO TAKE AVAILABLE MEASURES TO ENSURE EQUITY IN THE DISSEMINATION OF THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) VACCINES TO LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY BY, AT A MINIMUM, PROVIDING WALK-UP COVID-19 VACCINATION SITES AND MOBILE COVID-19 VACCINATION UNITS, AND ENSURING VACCINATION APPOINTMENTS MAY BE MADE BY TELEPHONE; AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR’S DESIGNEE TO PUBLICLY PROMOTE THE DISSEMINATION OF THE COVID-19 VACCINE TO LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES WITHIN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY THROUGH A PUBLIC MESSAGING CAMPAIGN

**WHEREAS**, coronavirus disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) is an infectious disease caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2, a novel coronavirus that was first identified in December 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the disease has spread globally, and on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization officially declared COVID-19 a pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 9, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order No. 20-52 declaring a state of emergency for the entire State of Florida as a result of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, the County Mayor declared a state of emergency for Miami-Dade County as a result of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, these orders have since been extended; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 11, 2020, the United States Food and Drug Administration (“FDA”) issued the first Emergency Use Authorization (“EUA”) for a COVID-19 vaccine, which authorizes use of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 18, 2020, the FDA issued the second EUA for a COVID-19 vaccine, which authorizes use of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the FDA may authorize additional COVID-19 vaccines for emergency use in the near future; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal government is currently distributing doses of these vaccines to states, including Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, distribution of the vaccines is a large scale undertaking; and

**WHEREAS**, it is believed that local governments will play an increasingly important role in the distribution of these vaccines as more doses become available; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board believes it is in the best interests of Miami-Dade County to enhance access to a COVID-19 vaccine for Miami-Dade County residents; and

**WHEREAS**, walk-up COVID-19 vaccine sites that do not require a vehicle and mobile units would provide a broader form of access to a COVID-19 vaccine for Miami-Dade County residents; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board believes available measures should be taken to ensure Miami-Dade County residents who lack internet or email access, do not own a vehicle, or are low-income have access to a COVID-19 vaccine; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board further believes it is in the best interests of the County to publicly promote the dissemination of the COVID-19 vaccine to low-income communities within Miami-Dade County through a public messaging campaign,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that this Board:

**Section 1.** Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to take available measures to ensure equity in the dissemination of the coronavirus disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) vaccines to low-income residents of Miami-Dade County by, at a minimum: providing walk-up vaccination sites that do not require a vehicle; utilizing mobile vaccination units; and ensuring vaccination appointments may be made by telephone as well as over the internet.

**Section 2.** Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to publicly promote the dissemination of COVID-19 vaccines to low-income communities within Miami-Dade County through a public messaging campaign, which, at a minimum, shall include: issuing public service announcements; displaying information about the dissemination of COVID-19 vaccines in public spaces, such as in buildings and facilities owned, operated or maintained by Miami-Dade County including transit stations, as well as on all Miami-Dade County Metrobuses, Metrorail trains and Metromover vehicles; and other means of communication for residents who do not have internet access or social media.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Eileen Higgins. It was offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Jose “Pepe” Diaz, Chairman	
Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Vice-Chairman	
Sen. René García	Keon Hardemon
Sally A. Heyman	Danielle Cohen Higgins
Eileen Higgins	Joe A. Martinez
Kionne L. McGhee	Jean Monestime
Raquel A. Regalado	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	


The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.



Ashlee A. Pouncy