

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(6)

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

DATE: February 2, 2021

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
Successor County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County Mayor to use any legally available platform or funding sources to immediately create and implement a countywide advance registration program, to be available through a County website or the County's 311 Contact Center, for persons 65 years of age and older to receive notification of an available coronavirus disease 2019 vaccination appointment; and provide a report

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Raquel A. Regalado.



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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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2-2-21

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO USE ANY LEGALLY AVAILABLE PLATFORM OR FUNDING SOURCES TO IMMEDIATELY CREATE AND IMPLEMENT A COUNTYWIDE ADVANCE REGISTRATION PROGRAM, TO BE AVAILABLE THROUGH A COUNTY WEBSITE OR THE COUNTY'S 311 CONTACT CENTER, FOR PERSONS 65 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF AN AVAILABLE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 VACCINATION APPOINTMENT; AND PROVIDE A REPORT

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 1, 2020 Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order No. 20-51, directing the State Health Officer and Surgeon General to declare a public health emergency in the State of Florida and directing the State Health Officer to take any action necessary to protect the public health, including following the guidelines established by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") to control the spread of COVID-19; and

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

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the Mayor of Miami-Dade County 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 May 15, 2020, the federal government announced the creation of the Operation Warp Speed program, a public-private partnership to facilitate the development, manufacturing and distribution of COVID-19 countermeasures, including vaccination; and

WHEREAS, on December 11, 2020, the United States Food and Drug Administration (“FDA”) issued an Emergency Use Authorization for the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine for individuals 16 years of age and older; and

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2020, the FDA issued an Emergency Use Authorization for the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine for individuals 18 years of age and older; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 vaccines will be a critical resource to prevent further spread of the virus and allow Floridians to return to the normal pace of life; and

WHEREAS, although additional vaccines are in development and are expected to be released in the future, only a limited number of doses of COVID-19 vaccines are presently available for distribution to the public; and

WHEREAS, the federal government, through Operation Warp Speed, has allocated the initial doses of COVID-19 vaccines to states, including Florida; and

WHEREAS, on December 23, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-315, directing that during the first phase of vaccine administration in Florida, providers administer COVID-19 vaccines only to long-term care residents and staff, health care personnel with direct patient contact, persons 65 years of age and older, and persons deemed by hospital providers to be extremely vulnerable to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, this Board acknowledges the importance of health care personnel, persons 65 years of age and older, long-term care residents, and those extremely vulnerable to COVID-19 having access to critically needed COVID-19 vaccines; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the number of persons 65 years of age and older in Miami-Dade County is in excess of 465,000; and

WHEREAS, because demand for COVID-19 vaccination appointments among persons 65 years of age and older is significantly greater than the supply of vaccination appointments presently available, appointments fill up quickly and strain appointment registration websites and telephone lines; and

WHEREAS, persons 65 years of age and older have diverse levels of access and ability to use the internet, sometimes resulting in a lower chance of securing a COVID-19 vaccination appointment; and

WHEREAS, persons 65 years of age and older may be unable to rapidly log in to a website or follow updates regarding availability of vaccine appointments on social media, and may be relying on children or grandchildren to navigate these websites for them in order to secure a COVID-19 vaccination appointment during a brief window of availability for such appointments; and

WHEREAS, at least one Florida county has implemented a COVID-19 vaccine standby process that allows persons ages 65 and older to pre-register online or by telephone, and the State of Florida has reported that a statewide appointment portal system for COVID-19 vaccinations should be ready within weeks; and

WHEREAS, an advance registration program for persons 65 years of age and older who wish to be placed on a standby list to be contacted to receive notification of an available time, date, and location of an appointment to receive a COVID-19 vaccination could assist such persons with accessing appointments and lessen the stress and anxiety these residents are undergoing as they try to secure an appointment as well as lessen the burden on appointment websites and telephone lines; and

WHEREAS, the creation of an advance registration program for persons 65 years of age and older could potentially assist the County in organizing the vaccination rollout by providing additional information regarding preferred times and locations of appointments, as well as overall interest in the COVID-19 vaccine; and

WHEREAS, this Board believes that the immediate creation and implementation of a countywide advance registration program for persons 65 years of age and older who wish to be placed on a standby list to be contacted with an available time, date, and location of an appointment to receive a COVID-19 vaccination provided by Miami-Dade County is in the best interests of Miami-Dade County,

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

Section 1. Adopts the foregoing recitals as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to use any legally available platform or funding sources to immediately create and implement a countywide advance registration program for persons 65 years of age and older who wish to be placed on a standby list to be contacted with an available time, date, and location of an appointment to receive a COVID-19 vaccination provided by Miami-Dade County. At a minimum, persons 65 years of age and

older who wish to register in advance for a COVID-19 vaccination appointment shall be able to do so through a County website or the County's 311 Contact Center and shall be permitted to identify the best means to receive and confirm acceptance of a vaccination appointment notice. The advance registration program shall provide COVID-19 vaccination appointments for persons 65 years of age and older and, when practicable, randomly select eligible registrants from the standby list to receive available vaccination appointments.

Section 3. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to provide a report to this Board within 10 days of the effective date of this resolution and to place the completed report on an agenda of this Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65. Such report shall update this Board on the creation and implementation of the advance registration program, and shall include, at a minimum, the number of eligible persons who have registered by telephone and internet, the number of persons presently on the standby list and the number of vaccination appointments made to date.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Raquel A. Regalado. 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 2nd day of February, 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.



Christopher C. Kokoruda
Kevin Marker
Ashlee A. Pouncy