

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(14)

TO: Honorable Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

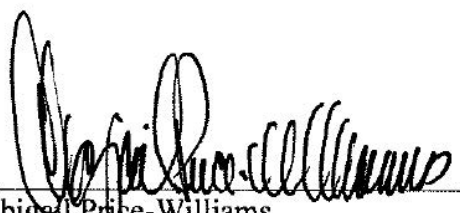
DATE: October 20, 2020

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County Mayor to take necessary measures to incentivize influenza vaccinations; urging (1) the Florida Legislature, Governor Ron Desantis, and the Florida Department of Health to incentivize influenza vaccination and to take measures to ensure sufficient countywide supply of influenza vaccines for the 2020-2021 influenza season and (2) the School Board of Miami-Dade County to incentivize influenza vaccination, to assist and support the County's ongoing response to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic

Resolution No. R-1098-20

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.



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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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10-20-20

RESOLUTION NO. R-1098-20

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO TAKE NECESSARY MEASURES TO INCENTIVIZE INFLUENZA VACCINATIONS; URGING (1) THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE, GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS, AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO INCENTIVIZE INFLUENZA VACCINATION AND TO TAKE MEASURES TO ENSURE SUFFICIENT COUNTYWIDE SUPPLY OF INFLUENZA VACCINES FOR THE 2020-2021 INFLUENZA SEASON AND (2) THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO INCENTIVIZE INFLUENZA VACCINATION, TO ASSIST AND SUPPORT THE COUNTY'S ONGOING RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, every winter hundreds of different influenza virus strains emerge, infecting people around the world; and

WHEREAS, on average the seasonal influenza kills 36,000 people every year in the United States, with many of the deaths occurring during the winter months; and

WHEREAS, history is replete with outbreaks of widespread seasonal influenza, some with far higher death tolls; and

WHEREAS, with the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic expected to continue throughout the coming months, some experts fear an especially deadly winter season this year; and

WHEREAS, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") believes that it is likely that the influenza viruses and the virus that causes COVID-19 will be spreading simultaneously during the winter months; and

WHEREAS, according to the CDC, given the convergence of the seasonal circulation of influenza viruses and the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, receiving influenza vaccinations will be more important than ever this season; and

WHEREAS, because some of the symptoms of influenza and COVID-19 are similar, it may be difficult to confirm a diagnosis based on symptoms alone; and

WHEREAS, while most people need only one vaccine against some ailments, such as measles, to have life-long immunity, the influenza vaccine must be administered each year because there are numerous influenza viruses and they mutate frequently; and

WHEREAS, although influenza vaccines vary from year to year in their effectiveness, they cut the incidence, severity and transmission of the most common strains of the virus; and

WHEREAS, influenza vaccines have been shown to reduce the risk of illness, hospitalization and death caused by influenza; and

WHEREAS, the CDC advises that receiving an influenza vaccination will not only reduce risks associated with illness from influenza, but will also help to conserve potentially scarce health care resources; and

WHEREAS, the CDC recommends that all people six months and older get a yearly influenza vaccine; and

WHEREAS, according to the CDC, for the 2020-2021 season, manufacturers have projected they will provide as many as between 194 and 198 million doses of the influenza vaccine nationwide; and

WHEREAS, some settings which usually provide influenza vaccination, such as workplaces, may not offer vaccination during the upcoming season, because of challenges with maintaining social distancing; and

WHEREAS, given the CDC's advice that it will be more important than ever to get a vaccine for influenza this season, this Board emphasizes the need for vaccination incentives and measures to ensure maximum availability of influenza vaccine doses countywide; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to direct the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to take necessary measures to incentivize influenza vaccinations; and

WHEREAS, this Board additionally urges the Florida Legislature, Governor Ron DeSantis and the Florida Department of Health to take necessary measures to incentivize influenza vaccinations and ensure a sufficient supply of influenza vaccination doses in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, this Board further urges the School Board of Miami-Dade County to take necessary measures to incentivize influenza vaccinations,

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 necessary measures to incentivize influenza vaccinations.

Section 2. Urges the Florida Legislature, Governor Ron DeSantis and the Florida Department of Health to take necessary measures to incentivize influenza vaccinations and ensure a sufficient supply of influenza vaccination doses in Miami-Dade County.

Section 3. Urges the School Board of Miami-Dade County to take necessary measures to incentivize influenza vaccinations.

Section 4. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade Legislative Delegation, the Florida Surgeon General, the Secretary for the Agency for Health Care

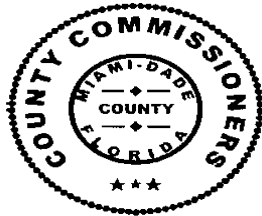
Administration, the Director of the Division of Emergency Management, the Chair and Members of the School Board of Miami-Dade County, and the Superintendent of Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

Section 5. Directs the County’s lobbyist to advocate for the legislative action set forth in section 2 above and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2020 State Legislative Package to include this item, and to include this item in the 2021 State Legislative Package when it is presented to the Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo, Jr. It was offered by Commissioner **José "Pepe" Diaz** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Daniella Levine Cava** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Audrey M. Edmonson, Chairwoman	aye
Rebeca Sosa, Vice Chairwoman	aye
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.	absent
Jose “Pepe” Diaz	aye
Eileen Higgins	aye
Joe A. Martinez	aye
Dennis C. Moss	aye
Xavier L. Suarez	aye
Daniella Levine Cava	aye
Sally A. Heyman	aye
Barbara J. Jordan	aye
Jean Monestime	absent
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 20th day of October, 2020. 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: **Melissa Adames**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Christopher C. Kokoruda

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "C. Kokoruda", written over a horizontal line.