

MEMORANDUM

Amended
Agenda Item No. 11(A)(3)

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

DATE: February 15, 2022

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County
Mayor to examine the feasibility
of creating an online resource
available on the County’s
website or other platform that
displays estimated wait times for
services at County-operated
coronavirus disease 2019 testing
sites; and provide a report

Resolution No. R-167-22

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Danielle Cohen 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	Amended Agenda Item No. 11(A)(3)
Veto	_____		2-15-22
Override	_____		

RESOLUTION NO. R-167-22

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR’S DESIGNEE TO EXAMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF CREATING AN ONLINE RESOURCE AVAILABLE ON THE COUNTY’S WEBSITE OR OTHER PLATFORM THAT DISPLAYS ESTIMATED WAIT TIMES FOR SERVICES AT COUNTY-OPERATED CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 TESTING SITES; AND PROVIDE A REPORT

WHEREAS, coronavirus disease 2019 (“COVID-19”), an infectious disease caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (“SARS-CoV-2”), was first identified in late 2019, and spread globally in 2020; and

WHEREAS, while tremendous progress has been made in the fight against COVID-19, the virus, driven by the emergence of new variants, continues to affect communities across the country; and

WHEREAS, diagnostic testing for COVID-19 is intended to diagnose an infection in individuals exposed to the virus; and

WHEREAS, diagnostic testing has been important to efforts to reduce the spread of COVID-19, with the United States Food and Drug Administration stating that diagnostic testing remains one of the pillars of our nation’s response to the virus; and

WHEREAS, facilitating access to diagnostic COVID-19 testing for the residents of Miami-Dade County has been a priority of this Board since the onset of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, COVID-19 diagnostic testing services are available to the public, at no direct cost to the patient, at drive-thru, walk-in, and mobile testing sites countywide, with information pertaining to these County-operated testing sites made available online at the County’s website; and

WHEREAS, the spread of the Omicron variant of SARS-CoV-2 has sharply accelerated demand for diagnostic COVID-19 testing in recent weeks, leading to increased wait times at some testing sites; and

WHEREAS, some testing sites may experience higher patient volume than others on a given day and at a given time; and

WHEREAS, lengthy wait times at COVID-19 testing locations can pose unique challenges for certain patients, including the elderly and those of limited means; and

WHEREAS, posting the estimated wait times for services at County-operated testing sites could help lessen the stress and anxiety some residents are undergoing as they try to secure a diagnostic COVID-19 test, by informing them of potentially less-crowded locations; and

WHEREAS, this Board believes that the creation of a resource for the public to view the estimated wait times at County-operated COVID-19 testing sites, to be made available at a minimum on the County's website or similar online platform, may benefit the residents of Miami-Dade County, and desires that the feasibility of creating and implementing such resource be examined,

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 examine the feasibility of creating an online resource available on the County's website or other platform that displays estimated wait times for services at County-operated COVID-19 testing sites. This resource should be created using legally available means and legally available funding sources.

Section 3. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to provide a report to this Board regarding the directive described in section 2, within 45 days of the effective date of

this Resolution and to place the completed report on an agenda of the Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65. Such report shall update this Board on the feasibility of the online resource and shall include identification of available funding sources to undertake the implementation of such resource.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Danielle Cohen Higgins. It was offered by Commissioner **Danielle Cohen Higgins** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Oliver G. Gilbert, III** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 15th day of February, 2022. 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "KMM", is written over a horizontal line.

Kevin Marker