



## **AMENDED DIRECTIVE AND ORDER REGARDING VACCINATION MATTERS**

**Pursuant to Health General Article §§ 18-102, 18-103, 18-109 and COMAR 10.06.01.06**

**MDH No. 2021-06-15-02**

I, Dennis R. Schrader, Secretary of Health, finding it necessary for the prevention and control of 2019 Novel Coronavirus and the disease that it causes (“SARS-CoV-2” or “2019-NCoV” or “COVID-19”), and for the protection of the health and safety of patients, staff, and other individuals in Maryland, hereby authorize and order the following actions for the prevention and control of the spread of this infectious and contagious disease that endangers public health in this State.

**This Amended Directive and Order replaces and supersedes the Directive and Order Regarding Vaccination matters, dated March 22, 2021, February 4, 2021, January 21, 2021, January 14, 2021, January 1, 2021, and December 8, 2020.**

### **1. Definitions**

- A. “Vaccination Site” means any location at which COVID-19 vaccinations are offered to the public in accordance with the State of Maryland’s Vaccination Plan and includes, but is not limited to, facilities as defined in the [Order of the Governor of the State of Maryland No. 20-11-17-02 Establishing Alternate Care Sites and Authorizing Regulation of Patient Care Space in Health Care Facilities](#), healthcare facilities designated by the Secretary of Health under the terms of the [Order of the Governor of the State of Maryland No. 21-03-09-02 Amending and Restating the Order of March 16, 2020 Relating to Various Health Care Matters](#) (the “Health Care Matters Executive Order”) as listed in this order, the offices of health care practitioners, local health departments, pharmacies, urgent care centers, and any event at which vaccinations are offered in accordance with the State of Maryland’s Vaccination Plan or any other site or location within Maryland as designated by the Maryland Department of Health.
- B. “COVID-19 Vaccine(s)” means any COVID-19 vaccine that has U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval or has been granted an Emergency Use Authorization from the FDA.

### **2. Personnel Who May Administer Vaccines**

The following individuals may administer COVID-19 vaccines at vaccination sites:

- A. Health care practitioners licensed, certified, or registered under the provisions of the Health Occupations Article or who meet the requirements for interstate reciprocity

under section IV of the Health Care Matters Executive Order whose scope of practice includes the administration of vaccines;

- B. Health care practitioners licensed, certified, or registered under the provisions of the Health Occupations Article or who meet the requirements for interstate reciprocity under section IV of the Health Care Matters Executive Order whose scope of practice does not include the administration of vaccines provided that:
  - i. The health care practitioner has successfully completed training on the administration of COVID-19 vaccines;
  - ii. Qualified supervisory personnel at the vaccination site reasonably determine that said health care practitioner is able to administer COVID-19 vaccines under appropriate supervision; and
  - iii. The health care practitioner administers the COVID-19 vaccine at the vaccination site under reasonable supervision of qualified supervisory personnel;
- C. Paramedics as authorized by the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Board under [EMS Board Public Order #6](#) (as amended);
- D. Other individuals provided that:
  - i. Each individual has successfully completed training on the administration of COVID-19 vaccines;
  - ii. Qualified supervisory personnel at the vaccination site reasonably determine that each individual is able to administer COVID-19 vaccines under appropriate supervision; and
  - iii. The individual administers the COVID-19 vaccine at the vaccination site under the reasonable supervision of qualified supervisory personnel; and
- E. Covered persons as defined in the [Seventh Amendment to Declaration under the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act for Medical Countermeasures Against COVID-19](#) (March 16, 2021) or as subsequently amended by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

### 3. **Vaccine Eligibility**

Any eligible Marylander shall be eligible to receive COVID-19 vaccine, as determined by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's approval for that vaccine or its emergency use authorization.

For more information, please see the COVID-19 vaccine provider bulletin, as made available here: <https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/pages/provider-resources>.

4. **Vaccine Administration Reporting Requirements**

A. Definitions:

- i. “Employer” means a person employing a Provider.
- ii. “HG” means the Health-General Article of the Maryland Code.
- iii. “ImmuNet” has the meaning provided in HG § 18-109(a)(4).
- iv. “Provider” means (i) a health care provider, as defined in HG § 18-109(a)(3); and (ii) any other person who administers a COVID-19 vaccination.

B. For each COVID-19 vaccination administered in Maryland, the Provider shall give notice of such vaccination to the Maryland Department of Health via ImmuNet within 24 hours after administration.

C. If a Provider administers a COVID-19 vaccination in the course of the Provider’s employment by an Employer, the Employer is jointly and severally responsible for the Provider’s compliance with Section 5.B of this Order.

D. Compliance with Section 4.B. of this Order with respect to a COVID-19 vaccination satisfies HG § 18-109(d)(6)(i)3 with respect to that COVID-19 vaccination.

5. **Termination**

This Directive and Order shall cease to have effect and be rescinded at 11:59 P.M. on December 31, 2021, or when the federal Declaration under the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act for Medical Countermeasures Against COVID-19 is terminated, whichever condition comes first.

6. **Severability**

If any provision of this Directive and Order or its application to any person, entity, or circumstance is held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, all other provisions or applications of this Directive and Order shall remain in effect to the extent possible without the invalid provision or application. To achieve this purpose, the provisions of this Directive and Order are severable.

THIS DIRECTIVE AND ORDER IS ISSUED UNDER MY HAND THIS 15TH DAY OF JUNE 2021 AND IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.



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Dennis R. Schrader  
Secretary