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ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC HEALTH REGARDING REPORTING TO THE MASSACHUSETTS IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION SYSTEM

On March 10, 2020, Governor Charles D. baker declared a State of Emergency in the Commonwealth to respond to the spread of COVID-19. The Public Health Council has approved and authorized me to take such actions, incur such liabilities, and stablish such rules, requirements and procedures which are necessary to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in order to protect the health and welfare of the people of the Commonwealth, consistent with the Governor's declaration.

As of February 2, 2021, the Department of Public Health (Department) has reported 502,378 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 14,362 deaths among confirmed cases in the Commonwealth. As of January 28, 2021, 496,103 total cumulative doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered in the Commonwealth.

The Massachusetts Immunization Information System (MIIS) is the Department's system of record for information concerning all immunizations administered in the Commonwealth and reported to the Department pursuant to G.L. c. 111 §24M and 105 CMR 222. As the Commonwealth moves through its COVID-19 Vaccination Plan, timely information about COVID-19 vaccination is of the utmost importance.

Accordingly, all vaccine providers administering a dose of COVID-19 vaccine in the Commonwealth must report such administration to the MIIS within 24 hours of administration. Said report shall include, as a minimum, the data fields already required by the Massachusetts COVID-19 Vaccine Program (MCVP) and 105 CMR 222.100(D). Additionally, Covid-19 vaccine providers shall also make every reasonable effort to collect complete demographic information including race and ethnicity and shall include this information in the provider's report.

All applicable statutes, regulations, and guidance not inconsistent with this Order remain in effect.

This Order shall remain in effect until rescinded by me, or the State of Emergency is terminated by the Governor, whichever shall happen first.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Public Health

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