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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2021-03

TRANSPARENCY IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE COVID-19 VACCINE

WHEREAS, the health and safety of all Idahoans is the greatest priority of our state and its leaders; and

WHEREAS, the wide-spread administration of a vaccine that is safe and effective against the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is essential to ending the COVID-19 public health emergency, protecting the health and well-being of Idahoans, and returning the Idaho economy and our way of life back to normal as soon as possible; and

WHEREAS, the United States Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") has authorized and recommended the emergency use of the Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine to prevent COVID-19 infections in individuals 16 years of age and older; and

WHEREAS, the FDA has authorized and recommended the emergency use of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine to prevent COVID-19 in individuals 18 years of age and older; and

WHEREAS, the FDA has determined that both the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine and the Moderna vaccine have been shown to be safe and effective in preventing COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the FDA continues to evaluate additional COVID-19 vaccines for emergency use; and

WHEREAS, despite high demand for the vaccines, the number of doses available for use in the U.S. is extremely limited due to current manufacturing constraints; and

WHEREAS, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") is responsible for allocating the limited supply of the doses to the each of the fifty states, including Idaho; and

WHEREAS, Idaho's public health districts determine the allocation of doses to enrolled COVID-19 vaccine providers within their health district; and

WHEREAS, the CDC provides the doses allocated for Idaho directly from the manufacture to each of Idaho's seven public health districts and enrolled COVID-19 vaccine providers; and

WHEREAS, the CDC's allocation of the vaccines to each of the fifty states has been slower than expected and, to date, the CDC has provided Idaho's public health districts with only enough doses to vaccinate a small percentage of Idahoans; and

WHEREAS, the CDC attempts to track the total number of doses that are delivered and administered in each state; and

WHEREAS, the CDC recognizes that the timeliness and accuracy of reporting data suffers from large gaps due to reporting delays and technical issues; and

WHEREAS, the delays with data reporting has left Idahoans without a clear picture as to whether Idaho's health providers are administering the doses quickly after the CDC provides the doses to Idaho's public health districts and enrolled COVID-19 vaccine providers; and

WHEREAS, consistent with Idaho's commitment to transparency throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, I announced on January 12, 2021, that the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare ("IDHW") will provide a COVID-19 Vaccine Data Dashboard at coronavirus.idaho.gov to inform Idahoans of the number of doses of vaccines received from the CDC and administered throughout Idaho; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the Vaccine Data Dashboard, the IDHW also implemented the COVID-19 Vaccination Capacity, Safety, and Reporting Grant program to ensure that all health providers enrolled in the program timely and accurately report when they administer a dose; and

WHEREAS, the limitations with the vaccine distribution reporting data continue to frustrate Idaho's ability to understand the speed at which enrolled COVID-19 Vaccine providers are administering doses after receiving them ; and

WHEREAS, executive action is necessary to improve transparency for Idaho and ensure a more timely and efficient distribution and administration of vaccine doses that the CDC allocates to Idaho;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brad Little, Governor of the State of Idaho, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Idaho including, but not limited to, Article IV, Section 5, do hereby proclaim and declare as follows:

1. *Starting on February 1, 2021, and continuing thereafter until this order is rescinded or expires by operation of law, IDHW will obtain the following data from each enrolled COVID-19 vaccine provider:*

a. *The total number of doses that a public health district has allocated to the health provider. This information is to be obtained weekly.*

b. *The total number of allocated doses that the health provider has administered. This information is to be obtained daily.*

c. *The total number of allocated doses currently in inventory. This information is to be obtained daily.*

2. *All enrolled COVID-19 vaccine providers are expected to provide the above-referenced information to IDHW in a timely and organized manner.*

3. *All enrolled COVID-19 vaccine providers are expected to administer doses within seven days of receipt.*

4. *Beginning no later than February 8, 2021, IDHW will post the above information for each enrolled COVID-19 vaccine provider within the COVID-19 Vaccine Data Dashboard located at coronavirus.idaho.gov. IDHW will continue to post the required information every business day thereafter until this order is rescinded or expires by operation of law.*

5. *IDHW shall ensure that no personal health or identifying information of any recipient of a vaccine is posted on its website or otherwise made available to the public.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 28th day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-one.

BRAD LITTLE
GOVERNOR

LAWERENCE DENNEY
SECRETARY OF STATE