Spencer J. Cox

Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER
2021-02

Establishing a COVID-19 Vaccination Plan

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a worldwide pandemic caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), a virus that spreads easily from person to person and can cause serious illness or death;

WHEREAS, as of January 8, 2021, 301,110 Utah residents have been infected with COVID-19; 11,679 Utah residents have been hospitalized due to COVID-19; and 1,381 Utah residents have died as a result of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 will continue to cause serious illness and death until a sufficient number of Utah residents are vaccinated or have immunity after recovering from this infection;

WHEREAS, the United States Food and Drug Administration has recently authorized the use of multiple COVID-19 vaccinations;

WHEREAS, Utah is receiving regular distributions of vaccines;

WHEREAS, older adults and individuals with certain medical conditions are at higher risk for serious illness or death because of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to implement a plan to offer the vaccine to higher-risk individuals before lower-risk individuals in order to prevent as much serious illness and death as possible and to prevent overwhelming hospitals;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Spencer J. Cox, Governor of the State of Utah, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Utah, do hereby order that:

1. **Definitions.** As used in this Order:
    a. "COVID-19" means Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 caused by Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2, also known as SARS-CoV-2.
    b. "COVID-19 Vaccine" means a COVID-19 vaccine and adjuvant (if applicable) provided to a vaccine provider as part of the CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Program.

c. "Vaccine provider" means any person, including a CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Program Provider, that administers a COVID-19 vaccine in the state of Utah.

2. **Vaccine eligibility.**
   a. Except as provided in Section (3), the following individuals are immediately eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine:
      i. Hospital healthcare workers;
      ii. Front line public healthcare workers;
      iii. Tribal healthcare workers;
      iv. Long-term health care facility residents and staff;
      v. Non-hospital healthcare workers;
      vi. Essential protective service workers; and
      vii. K-12 educators and staff having in-person interaction with students.
   b. Beginning January 18, 2021, except as provided in Section (3), individuals age 70 or older are eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.
3. **Vaccine provider requirements.** A vaccine provider shall:
   a. prior to administering a COVID-19 vaccine to an individual, take reasonable efforts to determine whether the individual has tested positive for COVID-19 within the 90 days immediately preceding the date that the vaccine is to be administered;
   b. discourage an individual from receiving a COVID-19 vaccine if the vaccine provider knows the individual has tested positive for COVID-19 within the 90 days immediately preceding the date that the COVID-19 vaccine is to be administered;
   c. administer each COVID-19 vaccine within seven days of receiving the vaccine; and
   d. each day by 6:59 a.m.:
      i. report to the Utah Statewide Immunization Information System COVID-19 vaccines administered during the previous calendar day by the vaccine provider; and
      ii. report to VaccineFinder the number of COVID-19 vaccines on-hand by the vaccine provider.
4. **Reduced distribution for noncompliance.** A vaccine provider that does not comply with this Order may be subject to a reduced COVID-19 vaccine distribution or no distribution for future distribution periods.
5. **Redistribution of unused vaccines.** A COVID-19 vaccine not used within seven days of distribution is subject to redistribution.
6. **Access by underserved communities.** The Utah Department of Health shall coordinate with local health departments and community stakeholders to establish procedures to offer the COVID-19 vaccine to eligible individuals in traditionally underserved communities.
7. **Monoclonal antibodies.** The Utah Department of Health shall coordinate with local health departments to establish procedures to offer monoclonal antibodies to residents of long-term care facilities who have tested positive for COVID-19.

This Order is effective January 11, 2021, and shall remain in effect until modified, amended, rescinded, or superseded.

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Utah. Done in Salt Lake City, Utah, on this, the 8th day of January, 2021.

Spencer J. Cox
Governor

ATTEST:

Deidre M. Henderson
Lieutenant Governor