Maryland
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

DIRECTIVE AND ORDER REGARDING VARIOUS VACCINATION MATTERS

Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order Relating to Various Healthcare Matters

No. MDH 2020-12-08-01

I, Dennis R. Schrader, Acting Secretary of Health, finding it necessary for the prevention and control of 2019 Novel Coronavirus ("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 this infectious and contagious disease under the Governor's Declaration of Catastrophic Health Emergency.

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, 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.

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.

<u>Administration of COVID-19 Vaccines</u>

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 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 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; and

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.

3. **Personnel Who May Prepare Vaccines for Administration**

The following individuals may prepare, as necessary when directed by the manufacturer, COVID-19 vaccines for administration at vaccination sites:

i. Health care practitioners licensed, certified, or registered under the provisions of the Health Occupations Article who have received appropriate training in the preparation and dilution of COVID-19 vaccines.

4. **Penalties**

Persons who violate this Order and Directive may face administrative and criminal sanctions to include imprisonment not exceeding one year or a fine not exceeding $5,000 or both.

5. **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.

THESE DIRECTIVES AND ORDERS ARE ISSUED UNDER MY HAND THIS 8TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2020 AND ARE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

Dennis R. Schrader
Secretary (Acting)