

MDCLC- RESOLUTION No. 2021-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES, URGING THE FLORIDA GOVERNOR TO AMEND EXECUTIVE ORDER 20-315 TO INCLUDE ALL TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATORS AND STAFF IN THE PHASE ONE COVID-19 VACCINATION DISTRIBUTION PLAN PRIORITY LIST; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) is a severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among humans through respiratory transmission and continues to pose a public health threat to individuals across the planet; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-51 directing the Florida Department of Health to issue a Public Health Emergency and on March 9, 2020, issued a State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the Miami-Dade County (“County”) Mayor issued an emergency order declaring a local state of emergency in the County due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on December 23, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-315 (the “Executive Order”), establishing a priority list of population groups eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine during phase one of Florida’s COVID-19 vaccination distribution plan (the “Vaccine Distribution Plan”); and

WHEREAS, the Executive Order’s Vaccine Distribution Plan does not include teachers, administrators or staff in the COVID-19 vaccination priority list; and

WHEREAS, teachers are among the most important essential workers in the State, educating our youth, providing children with essential skills to compete in the 21st century economy, and deeply enriching and inspiring children, and they cannot do their work without the support of administrators and staff who interact with teachers and children; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure that our schools can safely remain open and be attended without teachers, students and their families being in fear of infection with a sometimes disabling and deadly disease, the “front-line” – teachers, administrators, and staff – need to have priority for vaccinations in order to continue to fulfill their mission of educating our youth; and

WHEREAS, in order to protect our community’s teachers throughout the public education system, the MDCLC believes that teachers, administrators, and staff should be included in the phase one Vaccine Distribution Plan priority list; and

WHEREAS, as such, the MDCLC respectfully urges Florida Governor DeSantis to move quickly to amend Executive Order 20-315 to include teachers, administrators, and staff in the phase one Vaccine Distribution Plan priority list.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY LEAGUE OF

CITIES BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THAT:

Section 1. Recitals. The foregoing “WHEREAS” clauses are ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are made a specific part of this Resolution.

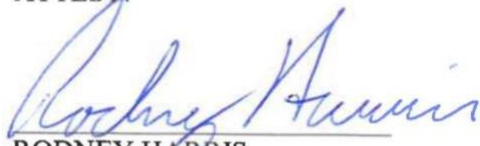
Section 2. Urging the Florida Governor to Amend Executive Order 20-315. The MDCLC Board of Directors respectfully urges Florida Governor Ron DeSantis to issue an executive order amending the Executive Order to include teachers, administrators, and staff in the phase one Vaccine Distribution Plan priority list.

Section 3. Transmittal. The MDCLC hereby transmits a copy of this Resolution to Governor Ron DeSantis on behalf of the State of Florida, the Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation, and all municipalities in the County.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 22nd DAY OF JANUARY A.D., 2021.

ATTEST:


RODNEY HARRIS
SECRETARY


KEON HARDEEMON
PRESIDENT