



**Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services**

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**July 23, 2021**

**Access to COVID-19 Vaccine**

The Director of the Department of Health and Senior Services, finding it necessary to protect public health and prevent the further spread of COVID-19, pursuant to the authority granted under section 192.020, RSMo, and 19 CSR 20-20.040, hereby orders the following:

Any individual desiring to receive a vaccine dose, become fully vaccinated, or receive a booster dose for COVID-19, within the State of Missouri, that is eligible according to age and other health factors to receive a COVID-19 vaccine, shall be entitled to receive such vaccine administration. This provision does not waive the requirement of parental consent for a minor, under the custody of a parent or guardian, to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

No person, official, or governmental entity shall prohibit or unduly restrict an individual from receiving a vaccine dose, vaccination to become fully vaccinated, or a booster dose for COVID-19.

No person, official, or governmental entity shall prohibit or unduly restrict those authorized to administer a COVID-19 vaccine from having access to an individual desiring to receive a vaccine dose, become fully vaccinated, or receive a booster dose for COVID-19.

All congregate living facilities in this state shall periodically ask each resident who is unvaccinated for COVID-19, if he or she desires to receive a vaccine dose, become fully vaccinated, or receive a booster dose for COVID-19 and immediately alert the local public health authority or the facility's medical provider of such if an injection is requested.

All congregate living facilities in this state shall immediately inform the local public health authority or the facility's medical provider upon receiving an oral or written request by the resident or the resident's guardian, for the resident to receive a COVID-19 vaccine or booster dose.

For the purposes of this Order "congregate living facility" shall include, but is not limited to, hospitals, residential care facilities, assisted living facilities, intermediate care facilities, skilled nursing facilities, jails, prisons, and mental health facilities. "Congregate living facility" shall not include dormitories, hospitals, apartments, condominiums, or resident summer camps.

Any violation of this Order, shall subject the violator to criminal penalties under Section 192.320, RSMo.

**Healthy Missourians for life.**

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services will be the leader in promoting, protecting and partnering for health.

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY / AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER: Services provided on a nondiscriminatory basis.

This Order will take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until December 31, 2022 unless rescinded prior to expiration.



Robert Knodell,  
Acting Director, Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services

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Date