

ORDINANCE 2021-03-31_0196

**AUTHORIZING THE SAN ANTONIO METROPOLITAN HEALTH DISTRICT TO
CREATE A COMMUNITY-WIDE COVID-19 VACCINATION REGISTRY.**

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WHEREAS, vaccines for the COVID-19 virus have been available to the community for months, but registration for the vaccines has been a challenge for many in the San Antonio Community; and

WHEREAS, on February 18, the City Council discussed the creation of a vaccine registry, but did not do so because vaccines were becoming more available to persons seeking to be vaccinated; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, the Community Health and Equity Committee met with major vaccine providers in Bexar County, including the San Antonio Metropolitan Health Department, San Antonio Fire Department, WellMed, University Health System and UT Health, who provided an overview of vaccine distribution operations; and

WHEREAS, during that meeting, issues with vaccine registration including the digital divide, identification of priority populations and anxiety about the vaccination were identified; and

WHEREAS, each provider expressed commitment to serving vulnerable populations and a willingness to accept lists from the City and other organizations such as churches and senior centers; and

WHEREAS, on March 29, 2021, vaccinations were opened to any person over 16, but priority was urged for vulnerable portions of the population, including persons over 80 years old, teachers, and those with pre-existing medical conditions; and

WHEREAS, the City finds that establishing a community-wide COVID-19 vaccination registry is a matter of public health, safety, and welfare; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

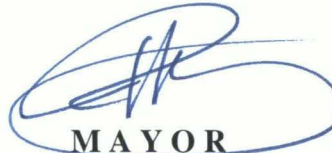
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. In accordance with the authority granted by Ordinance No. 2020-03-19-0180, the City Manager or designee is authorized to create a community-wide COVID-19 vaccination registry that holds names and relevant information for those interested in receiving a vaccine. The City Manager or designee in collaboration with the Health Authority may design the registry as seen fit, which permits vaccine providers to draw from the list specific populations to be prioritized based upon increased vulnerability to COVID-19 and execute necessary agreements without further action by the City Council.

SECTION 2. Funding for this agreement for the initial implementation costs; monthly recurring fees; and product support costs is budgeted within the Centers for Disease Control COVID-19 Immunizations Round 4 Budget. There is no impact to the General Fund.


SECTION 3. This ordinance is effective immediately upon passage by eight affirmative votes; otherwise, it is effective on the tenth day after passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 31st day of March 2021.




MAYOR
Ron Nirenberg

ATTEST:



Tina J. Flores, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



for Andrew Segovia, City Attorney



City of San Antonio

City Council

March 31, 2021

Item: 1

File Number: 21-2566

Enactment Number:

2021-03-31-0196

Ordinance under which the City of San Antonio would establish a community wide registry for COVID-19 vaccination registration so that individuals who want a COVID-19 vaccine can provide contact information to vaccine providers that can use the registry to contact registrants as vaccines become available.

Councilmember Ana E. Sandoval made a motion to approve. Councilmember John Courage seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 10 Nirenberg, Treviño, Andrews-Sullivan, Viagran, Rocha Garcia,
Gonzales, Cabello Havrda, Sandoval, Courage and Perry

Absent: 1 Pelaez

