



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Health

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Vincent R. Nathan, PhD, MPH

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** City- Wide

### **SUBJECT:**

Authorizing Renewal of Interlocal Agreements with Independent School Districts

### **SUMMARY:**

This ordinance authorizes the City Manager and/or her designee to execute the renewal of Interlocal Agreements for a term of five (5) years with the following Independent School Districts: San Antonio, Edgewood, South Side, Northside, South San, North East, Judson, East Central, Southwest, Alamo Heights, and Harlandale to allow the City of San Antonio to utilize their facilities for the purpose of immunizing and/or providing medications to the residents of Bexar County in the event of a public health emergency.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

As part the Texas Department of State Health Services Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant, the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District is required to develop a plan to provide immunizations and/or medications to all residents of Bexar County within forty-eight (48) hours after surveillance efforts detect a serious naturally occurring infectious disease or a release of a biological agent by terrorists. To achieve this goal, local venues must be secured throughout the area. Since most residents are familiar with the locations of various schools in their neighborhoods, these facilities make ideal places to provide vaccinations and medications to the community. In order to formalize this arrangement, an Interlocal Agreement must be executed with the various Independent School Districts that have agreed to make some of their facilities available.

These venues are crucial for the activation of the plan because residents will be able to obtain the immunization/medication needed from a facility that is within walking distance (no more than three miles)

from their homes. The school buildings also have other necessary resources such as adequate restroom facilities, parking, refrigeration, cafeteria, data and phone connections, office equipment, compartmentalized rooms for training volunteers, and the required square footage to implement the triaging and dispensing plan.

#### **ISSUE:**

This ordinance is consistent with past City policy to foster cooperation with other public agencies for the benefit of residents. It also allows the City staff to establish plans for the protection of local residents from infectious diseases and biological toxins in the event of a public health emergency.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

Without City Council's authorization to renew the Interlocal Agreements with these school districts, the City of San Antonio would need to identify alternate facilities for the purpose of immunizing and/or providing medications to the residents of Bexar County in the event of a public health emergency.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

There will be no immediate impact to the City General Fund as a result of this ordinance. In the event that funds are made available to the City for reimbursement by the State, a state agency, the federal government or a federal agency, for actions taken directly related to these agreements, the City will be responsible for reimbursing the school districts for allowable costs incurred.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of the ordinance to renew the Interlocal Agreements with the following school districts: San Antonio, Edgewood, South Side, Northside, South San, North East, Judson, East Central, Southwest, Alamo Heights, and Harlandale to utilize their facilities for the purpose of immunizing and/or providing medications to the residents of Bexar County in the event of a public health emergency.