

NASSAU COUNTY
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 26
(Emergency Management – COVID-19)

WHEREAS, the Governor of Florida issued Executive Order No. 20-315 on December 23, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Order established a First Phase of vaccine administration for providers; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Order mandates that providers shall administer COVID-19 vaccines only to:

- Long-term care facility residents and staff;
- Persons 65 years of age and older; and
- Health care personnel with direct patient contact.

WHEREAS, the Governor's Order also provides that hospital providers may vaccinate persons who they deem to be extremely vulnerable to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the distribution of the COVID-19 vaccines is controlled by the Florida Division of Emergency Management in conjunction with the Governor's Order; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has advocated and continues to advocate for larger amounts of vaccines for its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager is authorized, in conjunction with the Nassau County Department of Health Medical Director and the Nassau County Emergency Management Director, to develop a plan for the distribution of vaccines received from the State; and

WHEREAS, the plan is based upon expected receipt of vaccines from the State and directions from the Florida Division of Emergency Management and State of Florida Department of Health; and

WHEREAS, the plan may be changed, by the County Manager, based upon availability of vaccines, order of the Governor, or directions from the Florida Division of Emergency Management and Florida Department of Health; and

WHEREAS, the information for vaccines shall be published on the County's website and other appropriate methods to inform the citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, TACO E. POPE, as Nassau County Manager, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Local State of Emergency and County Emergency Management Plan and with the consent of the Emergency Management Director, promulgate the following Executive Order to take effect on January 14, 2021:

SECTION 1 – The Nassau County, Florida COVID-19 Vaccination Plan, *herein after known as the Plan*, dated January 14, 2021 is attached hereto as Exhibit "A". The Plan, as amended from time to time, shall guide the distribution of COVID-19 vaccination, as applicable, in Nassau County, Florida until and if additional guidance is provided by the Governor's Office, Florida Division of Emergency Management and/or the Florida Department of Health.

SECTION 2 – The Plan maintains consistency with State and Federal guidance received as of the date of this Order, provides the Florida Department of Health - Nassau County Health Department with the flexibility and logistical support necessary to inoculate Nassau County's most vulnerable and essential populations while also making vaccine available to eligible members of the general public in a safe, calm, organized, and equitable fashion. The goal of the Plan is to support the Florida Department of Health in the immunization of all Floridians and visitors who choose to be vaccinated. By extension, Nassau County Emergency Management and the Nassau County Manager's Office will support the Florida Department of Health - Nassau County Department of Health in the execution of their charge. Prioritization will be based on guidance from the Florida Department of Health and Executive Orders issued by Florida Governor Ron DeSantis. Local execution not otherwise directed by the State will be in accordance with the Nassau County, Florida COVID-19 Vaccination Plan.

DATED this 14th day of January, 2021.

NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA



TACO E. POPE, AICP
County Manager, Nassau County, Florida

CONSENT:

/s/ Greg Foster



GREG FOSTER
Emergency Management Director, Nassau County, Florida