

Subject: RE: Public Records Request (FL-GOV-21-0165)
Date: Friday, June 4, 2021 at 1:58:12 PM Pacific Daylight Time
From: Vassallo, Miguel
To: AO Records
Attachments: image001.png

EXTERNAL SENDER

Good afternoon,

A search of the Executive Office of the Governor's files has produced documents responsive to your request as stated below. You may find your records on the Governor's website at the link provided below under "06-04-21_Monahan,_C._03-G_Responsive_Documents". Thank you for contacting the Executive Office of the Governor.

 https://fleog.sharepoint.com/:f:/s/Open_Gov/EvK8qxZrj-5Fr7ytOck_EcoByfN9CUqJMj9JzNg8bj9pYQ

Best regards,

Miguel Vassallo
Open Government Coordinator
Office of the General Counsel
Executive Office of the Governor
Personal Line: (850) 717-9299

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From: AO Records <records@americanoversight.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 4:02 PM
To: Desantis.OpenGovernment <Desantis.OpenGov@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject: Public Records Request (FL-GOV-21-0165)

Dear Public Records Officer:

Please find attached a request for records under Florida's public records laws.

Sincerely,

From: [Kraeft, Erin](#)
To: [Cash, Alan](#); [Dunham, Olivia](#)
Cc: [Moulton, Diane](#); [Ernst, Colleen](#)
Subject: FW: EO 20-315
Date: Wednesday, December 23, 2020 1:40:09 PM
Attachments: [EO 20-315.pdf](#)
[EO 20-315 \(Vaccine Distribution\) lws \(v2\).docx](#)

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#2020-315 re: Vaccine Administration/Protecting Florida's Seniors

-Erin

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Ron DeSantis
RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Laurel M. Bee
SECRETARY OF STATE

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To: Roberts, Bill; Coppola, Courtney; St Laurent, Louise; McKinstry, Molly; Spencer, Chris
Cc: Lukis, Adrian
Subject: Finalized. Please confirm receipt/review.
Date: Tuesday, December 22, 2020 5:24:17 PM
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Cc: [Lukis, Adrian](#)
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SECRETARY OF STATE

From: [Dunham, Olivia](#)
To: [Kraeft, Erin](#); [Cash, Alan](#)
Cc: [Moulton, Diane](#); [Ernst, Colleen](#)
Subject: RE: EO 20-315
Date: Wednesday, December 23, 2020 1:44:10 PM

Added!

Olivia Dunham
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Sent: Wednesday, December 23, 2020 1:40 PM
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<Olivia.Dunham@eog.myflorida.com>
Cc: Moulton, Diane <Diane.Moulton@eog.myflorida.com>; Ernst, Colleen
<Colleen.Ernst@eog.myflorida.com>
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From: [Coppola, Courtney](#)
To: [Lukis, Adrian](#)
Subject: RE: need by 8:30
Date: Wednesday, December 23, 2020 8:56:18 AM
Attachments: [NW FL vaccine event 12 23 .docx](#)

Please see attached.

Thank you,

Courtney F. Coppola
Chief of Staff
& Marijuana Coordinator
Florida Department of Health

Florida Department of Health | 4052 Bald Cypress Way | Tallahassee, FL 32399



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Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2020 11:06 PM
To: Coppola, Courtney <Courtney.Coppola@flhealth.gov>
Subject: need by 8:30

Lets talk in AM – much to discuss!

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Governor Ron DeSantis Press Conference: NW Florida Vaccinations

12/23/20

INTRODUCTION

- Good morning.
- I want to thank **Ascension Sacred Heart Hospital** for hosting us.
- I also want to recognize the elected officials joining me here:
 - Xxx
 - Xxx
 - Xxx
 - Xxx
 - Xxx
- Thank you all for coming.

ANNOUNCEMENT

- I am here today to make an important announcement about the COVID-19 vaccine in Florida.
- **Late last evening I signed an Executive Order that limits vaccine availability to the following groups of individuals:**
 - Residents and staff of Florida's over 4,000 long term care facilities;
 - Health care workers that have direct contact or exposure to patients;
 - Individuals 65 years of age or older; and
 - Individuals that hospitals deem to be extremely vulnerable to COVID-19.
- **So what does this mean?**
- **The bottom line of this Order is the state of Florida is prioritizing COVID-19 vaccine for seniors. As we move into this next phase of the response, it is critical that we continue to protect our most vulnerable.**

- By now, most hospitals in the state of Florida have received either the Pfizer vaccine or Moderna vaccine for their front-line health care workers.
 - **If any hospital has completed those workers, the Order allows them to turn their attention to individuals 65 and older.**
- Similarly, county health departments are beginning to receive the vaccine: 8 are scheduled to receive Moderna vaccine this week and the remaining counties receive Moderna vaccine next week.
 - **Once they do, they are authorized to begin administering the vaccine to individuals 65 or older.**
- **Again, it is important to stress that there is currently not enough vaccine available for the over 4 million individuals that are 65 and older in Florida.**
- **Therefore, we ask that you bear with us as the vaccine continues to arrive each week.**

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- With that, I would like to take a moment to underscore the incredible progress we've made in a very short period of time.
- Just last week, we had to limit the Pfizer vaccine to 5 pilot hospitals with ultra-cold chain storage capability. While I directed those hospitals to give neighboring hospitals their excess vaccine, there were still many areas of the state that did not have access – **including here in Northwest Florida.**
- Once the Moderna vaccine arrived this week, that all changed.
- Because the Moderna vaccine does not require ultra-cold chain storage, we could send the vaccine to **173 hospitals** that span every corner of Florida.

CLOSE

- After a very difficult year, there is now a light at the end of the tunnel.
- **Over 60,000 people in the state of Florida have received the COVID-19 vaccine.**

From: Beatrice, Meredith M.
To: andrew.murray@foxnews.com
Cc: Piccolo, Fredrick; McCloud, Cody; Moulton, Diane; Marquez, Jonas
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Governor Ron DeSantis Announces Executive Order Prioritizing Vaccination for Individuals 65 and Older
Date: Wednesday, December 23, 2020 2:24:07 PM

Hi Andrew!

Thank you for reaching out. I checked in with our team and the Governor is not available over the next few days for this.

Happy to reconnect after the New Year.

Many thanks!
Meredith

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From: Murray, Andrew <Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Wednesday, December 23, 2020 2:21:10 PM
To: Beatrice, Meredith M. <Meredith.M.Beatrice@eog.myflorida.com>
Cc: Piccolo, Fredrick <Fredrick.Piccolo@eog.myflorida.com>; McCloud, Cody <Cody.McCloud@eog.myflorida.com>; Moulton, Diane <Diane.Moulton@eog.myflorida.com>; Marquez, Jonas <Jonas.Marquez@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Governor Ron DeSantis Announces Executive Order Prioritizing Vaccination for Individuals 65 and Older

Hi Meredith,

Please let us know if Gov. DeSantis is available to appear on "Fox & Friends" tomorrow (Thursday) 12/24 for a LIVE 5-7 minute interview between 6am - 9am EST to discuss this announcement.

Thanks in advance,

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To: Murray, Andrew <Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Governor Ron DeSantis Announces Executive Order Prioritizing Vaccination for Individuals 65 and Older



For Immediate Release: December 23, 2020

Contact: Governor's Press Office, (850) 717-9282, Media@eog.myflorida.com

Governor Ron DeSantis Announces Executive Order Prioritizing Vaccination for Individuals 65 and Older

Pensacola, Fla. – Today, Governor Ron DeSantis announced Executive Order 20-315, which provides the following:

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Governor DeSantis also announced that in addition to hospitals, County Health Departments will begin vaccinating individuals 65 and older in the coming weeks as supply permits. At this time, a limited amount of COVID-19 vaccine has been received by select County Health Departments; as more doses become available, County Health Departments will work with their community partners to provide vaccines to those 65 and older.

Over the past two weeks, more than 170 hospitals across the state have received doses of the COVID-19 vaccines, and as a part of their allocation, hospitals received enough doses to vaccinate their entire frontline health care staff and have vaccine remaining.

To read Executive Order 20-315, click [HERE](#). A copy is also provided below.

To watch today's press conference, click [HERE](#).

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To: [Leadership Team](#)
Cc: [Press; Uthmeier, James](#)
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Governor Ron DeSantis Announces Executive Order Prioritizing Vaccination for Individuals 65 and Older

Pensacola, Fla. – Today, Governor Ron DeSantis announced Executive Order 20-315, which provides the following:

During this first phase of vaccine administration, all providers administering any COVID-19 vaccine shall only vaccinate the following populations:

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

Hospitals, however, also may vaccinate persons who they deem to be extremely vulnerable to COVID-19.

Governor DeSantis also announced that in addition to hospitals, County Health Departments will begin vaccinating individuals 65 and older in the coming weeks as supply permits. At this time, a limited amount of COVID-19 vaccine has been received by select County Health Departments; as more doses become available, County Health Departments will work with their community partners to provide vaccines to those 65 and older.

Over the past two weeks, more than 170 hospitals across the state have received doses of the COVID-19 vaccines, and as a part of their allocation, hospitals received enough doses to vaccinate their entire frontline health care staff and have vaccine remaining.

To read Executive Order 20-315, click [HERE](#). A copy is also provided below.

To watch today's press conference, click [HERE](#).

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 20-315

(COVID-19 Vaccine Administration/Protecting Florida's Seniors)

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, I issued Executive Order 20-52, declaring a state of emergency for the entire State of Florida as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on November 3, 2020, I issued Executive Order 20-276, extending the state of emergency for the entire State of Florida as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida is leading the effort to distribute the vaccine to the elderly and vulnerable populations of the State; and

WHEREAS, partnership with local hospitals and other vaccine providers is essential to ensure efficient vaccine administration.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, as Governor of Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article IV, Section 1(a) of the Florida Constitution and by the Florida Emergency Management Act, as amended, and all other applicable laws, promulgate the following Executive Order:

During this first phase of vaccine administration, all providers administering any COVID-19 vaccine shall only vaccinate the following populations:

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- Persons 65 years of age and older; and
- Health care personnel with direct patient contacts.

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Colleen, is the difference in ages mentioned in the 4th whereas and the 2d bullet point intentional?

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STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 20-314 (COVID-19 Vaccine Administration)

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WHEREAS, on November 3, 2020, I issued Executive Order 20-276, extending the state of emergency for the entire State of Florida as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida is leading the effort to distribute the vaccine to the elderly and vulnerable populations of the State; and

WHEREAS, partnership with local hospitals and other vaccine providers is essential to ensure efficient vaccine administration.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, as Governor of Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article IV, Section 1(a) of the Florida Constitution and by the Florida Emergency Management Act, as amended, and all other applicable laws, promulgate the following Executive Order:

All providers administering any COVID-19 vaccine shall only vaccinate the following populations:

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

Hospitals, however, also may vaccinate persons who they deem to be extremely vulnerable to COVID-19.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, this 22nd day of December, 2020.

RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

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Lets talk in AM – much to discuss!

Governor Ron DeSantis Press Conference: NW Florida Vaccinations

12/23/20

INTRODUCTION

- Good morning.
- I want to thank **Ascension Sacred Heart Hospital** for hosting us.
- I also want to recognize the elected officials joining me here:
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- Thank you all for coming.

ANNOUNCEMENT

- I am here today to make an important announcement about the COVID-19 vaccine in Florida.
- **Late last evening I signed an Executive Order that limits vaccine availability to the following groups of individuals:**
 - Residents and staff of Florida's over 4,000 long term care facilities;
 - Health care workers that have direct contact or exposure to patients;
 - Individuals 65 years of age or older; and
 - Individuals that hospitals deem to be extremely vulnerable to COVID-19.
- **So what does this mean?**
- **The bottom line of this Order is the state of Florida is making any current excess COVID-19 vaccine available to seniors. While it may not be readily available to people in the community – we do not want vaccine sitting idle.**

- By now, most hospitals in the state of Florida have received either the Pfizer vaccine or Moderna vaccine for their front-line health care workers.
 - **If any hospital has completed those workers, the Order allows them to turn their attention to individuals 65 and older.**
- Similarly, county health departments are beginning to receive the vaccine: 8 receive Moderna vaccine this week and the remaining counties receive Moderna vaccine next week.
 - **Once they do, they are authorized to begin administering the vaccine to individuals 65 or older.**
- **Again, it is important to stress that there is currently not enough vaccine available for the over 4 million individuals that are 65 and older in Florida.**
- **Therefore, we ask that you bear with us as the vaccine continues to arrive each week.**

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- With that, I would like to take a moment to underscore the incredible progress we've made in a very short period of time.
- Just last week, we had to limit the Pfizer vaccine to 5 pilot hospitals with ultra-cold chain storage capability. While I directed those hospitals to give neighboring hospitals their excess vaccine, there were still many areas of the state that did not have access – **including here in Northwest Florida.**
- Once the Moderna vaccine arrived this week, that all changed.
- Because the Moderna vaccine does not require ultra-cold chain storage, we could send the vaccine to **173 hospitals** that span every corner of Florida.

CLOSE

- After a very difficult year, there is now a light at the end of the tunnel.
- **Over 50,000 people in the state of Florida have received the COVID-19 vaccine.**

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Governor Ron DeSantis Press Conference: NW Florida Vaccinations

12/23/20

INTRODUCTION

- Good morning.
- I want to thank **Ascension Sacred Heart Hospital** for hosting us.
- I also want to recognize **State Senator Broxon and State Representative Salzman**: Thank you both for coming.

ANNOUNCEMENT

- I am here today to make an important announcement about the COVID-19 vaccine in Florida.
- **Late last evening I signed an Executive Order that makes it clear our seniors are next in priority to receive the COVID-19 vaccine in Florida.**
- So what does this mean for the next several days?
- **First, it means hospitals have clear direction on exactly what to do once they finish vaccinating their frontline health care workers.**
 - By now, most hospitals in the state of Florida have received either the Pfizer vaccine or Moderna vaccine.
 - **If any hospital has completed their frontline workers, the Order allows them to immediately turn their attention to individuals 65 and older and individuals that are extremely vulnerable to COVID-19.**
 - In addition to hospitals, county health departments are beginning to receive a small amount of the vaccine, and they too **can begin administering the vaccine to individuals 65 or older.**

- **Now this does not mean all people 65 and older can go get a vaccine today.**
- **Please do not rush to your local hospital or county health department. There is currently not enough vaccine available for the over 4 million individuals that are 65 and older in Florida, and county health departments will only be receiving a small amount for the next couple of weeks.**
- We ask that you bear with us as the vaccine continues to arrive.
- As it does, we will be working as hard as we can to make it accessible for all seniors throughout the entire state.
- **The bottom line is the state of Florida is prioritizing COVID-19 vaccine for seniors: Seniors come before the list of essential workers recommended by the CDC.**

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- With that, I would like to take a moment to underscore the incredible progress we've made in a very short period of time.
- Just last week, we had to limit the Pfizer vaccine to 5 pilot hospitals with ultra-cold chain storage capability. While I directed those hospitals to give neighboring hospitals their excess vaccine, there were still many areas of the state that did not have access – **including here in Northwest Florida.**
- Once the 367,900 doses of the Moderna vaccine arrived this week, that all changed.
- Because the Moderna vaccine does not require ultra-cold chain storage, we could send the vaccine to **173 hospitals** that span every corner of Florida.

- **And now – after a little over a week – we were the first state in the nation to begin vaccinating residents of long-term care facilities and nearly 70,000 Floridians and counting have received the vaccine.**

CLOSE

- **After a very difficult year, there is a light at the end of the tunnel.**
- **In the coming weeks you can rest assured, the state of Florida will continue to work as hard as possible to get the vaccine out as quickly as possible.**
- **Merry Christmas, God bless you and God bless the great state of Florida.**