

RESOLUTION

NO. R-25-XXX

CITY HALL: February 13, 2025

BY: COUNCILMEMBER MORENO

A **RESOLUTION** expressing the New Orleans City Council’s support for the New Orleans Health Department and its ongoing efforts to promote and execute vaccine distributions and public awareness campaigns. Further, this instrument underscores the importance of community access and the great need for vaccine distributions to ensure our residents – especially those most vulnerable to deadly and debilitating infectious diseases – are protected.

WHEREAS, Louisiana Surgeon General Ralph Abraham sent a directive to Louisiana health workers on February 13, 2025 ending long-standing mass vaccination clinics and banning staff from promoting seasonal vaccines; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Surgeon General further directed Louisiana health workers not to recommend vaccines, but instead communicate data regarding the reduced risk of disease, hospitalization, and death associated with a vaccine and encourage individuals to discuss considerations for vaccination with their health care provider; and

WHEREAS, according to the Louisiana Surgeon General’s letter, parish health units will continue to stock vaccines but will no longer promote mass vaccination; and

WHEREAS, limiting access to vaccines and discontinuing vaccine distribution events represent a significant threat to the overall public health and safety of our state’s residents; and

WHEREAS, all Louisiana residents deserve a fair chance to get vaccinated, including those that have limited ability to travel to care, already shoulder high health care costs, and possess limited or no health insurance; and

WHEREAS, locally, our New Orleans Health Department has done an incredible job partnering with community groups, health care systems, trusted messengers, and local leaders to convey the importance of vaccines, especially for our most vulnerable populations; mobile clinics, local health fairs, and vaccination drives have been critical tools to maintain public health in all of our city’s neighborhoods – especially during the COVID-19 pandemic and flu seasons;
NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, That the New Orleans City Council conveys its support for the New Orleans Health Department and encourages the department to continue its promotion of vaccines and execution of community outreach vaccination efforts.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS READ IN FULL, THE ROLL WAS CALLED ON THE ADOPTION THEREOF, AND THE RESULT WAS AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

AND THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.