

**RESOLUTION NO.:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**SUBJECT:** In support of the COVID-19 vaccinations  
**EFFECTIVE DATE:** November 10, 2021

**RESOLUTION OF THE EL PASO COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF HEALTH IN SUPPORT OF COVID-19**  
**VACCINATIONS**

**WHEREAS:** El Paso County Public Health (“Public Health”) recorded 105,409 COVID-19 cases in El Paso County between March 1, 2020 - November 9, 2021<sup>1</sup>; and,

**WHEREAS:** Public Health has also recorded more than 5,418 hospitalizations and 1,170 deaths in El Paso County due to COVID-19 during the same time period; and,

**WHEREAS:** Data and analysis from sources regularly relied upon by medical professionals in El Paso County (“credible data” from “trusted sources”) find the Delta variant of COVID-19 to be more transmissible than the original virus<sup>2</sup>; and,

**WHEREAS:** Widespread vaccination is a critical tool to help stop the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

**WHEREAS:** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends everyone 5 years and older get a COVID-19 vaccination to help protect against COVID-19<sup>3, 5</sup>; and,

**WHEREAS:** Trusted sources find that COVID-19 vaccination helps reduce the risk of severe illness, including hospitalization and death, and can also help protect people around them<sup>4</sup>; and,

**WHEREAS:** The federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) reported that authorized COVID-19 vaccines have and continue to undergo the most intensive safety monitoring in United States history<sup>5</sup>; and,

**WHEREAS:** The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) also reports that authorized COVID-19 vaccines were evaluated in tens of thousands of participants in clinical trials. The vaccines met the FDA’s rigorous scientific standards for safety, effectiveness, and manufacturing quality needed to support approval or authorization of a vaccine<sup>6</sup>; and,

**WHEREAS:** Clinical trials for authorized COVID-19 vaccine included a more diverse group of subjects than previous trials for other drugs and vaccines, the population studied closely mirrored ethnic groups in the U.S. population, and the trials also studied

the vaccine's effect in people with certain chronic conditions, including diabetes, and heart disease<sup>7</sup>; and,

**WHEREAS:** Public Health offers COVID-19 vaccines to eligible persons free of charge, reducing barriers such as technology, geography, language, and transportation and expanding easy access; and,

**WHEREAS:** Colder weather means more time indoors where more people may congregate in close proximity and ventilation may be poorer, which may increase the risk of spreading COVID-19, with a higher risk for unvaccinated or not fully vaccinated individuals; and,

**WHEREAS:** In October, unvaccinated or not fully vaccinated individuals made up approximately 80 percent of COVID-19 hospitalizations in El Paso County, resulting in strained local hospital capacity, and limits on regional resources for surgery and other medical procedures.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EL PASO COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH:**

- That the Board of Health hereby finds that the best individual and community prevention measure to avoid serious illness, hospitalization, and death from COVID-19, is getting fully vaccinated against COVID-19; and,
- That the Board of Health encourages the governing boards of El Paso County, and municipalities within El Paso County, to advocate for and encourage El Paso County citizens to be vaccinated; and,
- That the Board of Health authorizes each of its individual members, and the Public Health Director of El Paso County Public Health, to advocate in support of the use of authorized COVID-19 vaccinations on all eligible persons.

**MOVED, SECONDED AND ADOPTED BY THE EL PASO COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH AT ITS SPECIALMEETING HELD NOVEMBER 10, 2021.**

**EL PASO COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_ ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
President Secretary

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<sup>1</sup> El Paso County Public Health COVID-19 Data Dashboard.  
<https://www.elpasocountyhealth.org/covid19data-dashboard>.

<sup>2</sup> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Delta Variant: What We Know About the Science.  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/variants/delta-variant.html>.

<sup>3</sup> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Vaccines for COVID-19.  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html>.

<sup>4</sup> National Institute of Health, National Library of Medicine. Risk factors and disease profile of post-vaccination SARS-CoC-2 infection in UK users of the COVID Symptom Study app: a prospective, community-based, nested, case-control study. <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34480857/>.

<sup>5</sup> Food and Drug Administration. Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee Meeting Briefing Document, October 26, 2021. <https://www.fda.gov/media/153409/download>.

<sup>6</sup> Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Learn About COVID-19 Vaccines.  
<https://covid19.colorado.gov/Learn-about-COVID-19-vaccines>.

<sup>7</sup> Food and Drug Administration. Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee Meeting Briefing Document, October 26, 2021. <https://www.fda.gov/media/153409/download>.

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