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EXECUTIVE DIRECTIVE

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To: State Department Directors and Autonomous Agency Heads
From: Governor Gretchen Whitmer
Date: August 25, 2021
Re: Maximizing protection against COVID-19 by offering booster shots to all Michiganders

On August 18, 2021, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, U.S. Surgeon General, and Food and Drug Administration announced their conclusion that booster shots of the Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines will be needed to maximize the protection that the vaccines provide against the virus. The Biden Administration plans to begin offering booster shots to all Americans who received one of these vaccines beginning September 20, 2021 – anyone whose second dose was at least 8 months prior will be eligible.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, I have prioritized action that protects the most vulnerable Michiganders. Now that we know that booster shots can strengthen the protections that the safe and effective vaccines provide against COVID-19, I am directing state departments and agencies to move as quickly as possible to prepare for the administration of booster shots to all Michiganders, beginning with residents of long-term care facilities.

Consistent with the above, and acting under sections 1 and 8 of article 5 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, I direct the following:

1. The directors of the Department of Corrections, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, and the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (“directors”) must expeditiously take all appropriate action to ensure that booster shots of the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 Vaccines are available to all Michiganders.
2. The directors must expeditiously take all appropriate action to encourage nursing homes and skilled nursing facilities, adult foster care homes, homes for the aged,

and state correctional facilities in this state to minimize barriers to eligible residents accessing a booster shot of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine or the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine, within the parameters set by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

3. The directors must expeditiously take all appropriate action to promote equity in accessibility of booster shots of the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 Vaccines, considering barriers to access presented by geography, income, age, race, ethnicity, primary language, or disability status.
4. The directors must expeditiously take all appropriate action to promote administration of first doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 Vaccines wherever booster shots are available.

This directive is effective immediately.

Thank you for your cooperation in implementing this directive.



Gretchen Whitmer
Governor