



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Health Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Claude Jacob

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Approving Interlocal Agreements with Independent School Districts for the use of their facilities during public health emergencies at no cost.

SUMMARY:

This ordinance approves the execution of Interlocal Agreements with the following Independent School Districts (ISDs): Alamo Heights, East Central, Edgewood, Harlandale, Judson, North East, Northside, San Antonio, South San Antonio, Southside, and Southwest, for San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (Metro Health) to use their facilities for the purpose of providing vaccinations and or medications to the residents of Bexar County in the event of a public health emergency at no cost, for a term of five years.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Since 2017, City Council has authorized the acceptance of pass-through funds from the Department of State Health Services' (DSHS) Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Cooperative Agreement from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in support of public health emergency preparedness. Most recently, through Ordinance 2022-01-27-0042, City Council authorized the acceptance of funds in an amount up to \$1,034,437.00 for the continuation of activities supporting public health emergency preparedness.

As part the DSHS PHEP Cooperative Agreement, Metro Health is required to develop a plan to provide vaccinations and or medications to all residents of Bexar County within forty-eight (48) hours after surveillance efforts detect a serious naturally occurring infectious disease or a release of a biological agent by terrorists. To achieve this goal, local venues must be secured throughout the area. Since most residents are familiar with the locations of various schools in their neighborhoods, these facilities make ideal places to provide vaccinations and medications to the community.

To formalize a PHEP plan, an Interlocal Agreement must be executed with local ISDs for facility usage. ISD facilities, such as schools, are crucial for the activation of a PHEP plan, allowing residents to obtain the vaccinations and or medications needed from a facility that is within walking distance (no more than three miles) from their homes. ISD facilities have other necessary resources such as adequate restroom facilities, parking, refrigeration, cafeteria, data and phone connections, office equipment, compartmentalized rooms for training volunteers, and the required square footage to implement triaging and dispensing, required of a PHEP plan.

ISSUE:

Metro Health is requesting approval of Interlocal Agreements for a term of five years with local Independent School Districts for the use of their facilities to provide vaccinations and or medications to the residents of Bexar County in the event of a public health emergency.

ALTERNATIVES:

Should the Interlocal Agreements not be approved, Metro Health will need to identify alternate facilities for the purpose of providing vaccinations and or medications to the residents of Bexar County in the event of a public health emergency and to move forward in meeting deliverables required by the Texas Department of State Health Services Public Health Emergency Preparedness Cooperative Agreement.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This ordinance approves the execution of Interlocal Agreements with the following Independent School Districts: Alamo Heights, East Central, Edgewood, Harlandale, Judson, North East, Northside, San Antonio, South San Antonio, Southside, and Southwest, for a term of 5 years for Metro Health to use their facilities for the purpose of providing vaccinations and or medications to the residents of Bexar County in the event of a public health emergency at no cost, for a term of five years. There will be no impact to the General Fund. In the event that funds are made available to the City for reimbursement by the State, a state agency, the federal government or a federal agency, for actions taken directly related to these agreements, the City will be responsible for reimbursing the school districts for allowable costs incurred unless those funds are made available to the school districts.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of Interlocal Agreements with the following Independent School Districts: Alamo Heights, East Central, Edgewood, Harlandale, Judson, North East, Northside, San Antonio, South San Antonio, Southside, and Southwest, for Metro Health to utilize their facilities for the purpose of providing vaccinations and or medications to the residents of Bexar County in the event of a public health emergency.