


Memorandum



Date: April 1, 2022

To: Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Daniella Levine Cava
Mayor 

Subject: Update on COVID-19 Testing and Vaccination Services for the Uninsured

Until recently, private companies were eligible to seek federal reimbursement when providing COVID-19 testing services. The federal government recently announced that those programs have ended, leaving many vulnerable and potentially unable to receive essential services.

In an effort to ensure the residents and visitors of Miami-Dade County continue to receive essential services related to the COVID-19 pandemic, I have directed staff to work with existing partners to continue, without interruption, testing and vaccine administration for the uninsured. Miami-Dade County will continue contracting these services by directly seeking federal reimbursement. FEMA, under the Public Assistance Program, has authorized 100% reimbursement for testing and vaccine through July 1st, 2022. This funding is available to the State, Miami-Dade County and other local governments to perform emergency protective measures in response to COVID-19.

It is my priority to protect our residents, visitors, and economy. Through a comprehensive vaccination and testing campaign, Miami-Dade maintains the highest vaccination rate in the State with one of the lowest positivity rates. With new variants, such as Omicron BA.2 causing new cases and reinfection worldwide, we will continue to base all our efforts on science, data, and research, as I've done since the start of my tenure. That is why we must continue making these services available to keep our residents and businesses thriving.

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