STANDING ORDER OF THE STATE HEALTH OFFICER FOR VACCINE ADMINISTRATION BY ALABAMA LICENSED PHARMACISTS AND OTHERS ON PHARMACY PREMISES

I. PURPOSE

This Standing Order is intended to ensure that vaccines known to prevent disease are readily obtainable.

II. <u>AUTHORITY</u>

This Standing Order is issued to further the disease prevention activities of the Alabama Department of Public Health as identified in Ala. Code §§ 22-2-2, 22-2-8, and 22-11A-1, et seq.

III. <u>AUTHORIZATION</u>

This Standing Order may be used as a prescription for persons 19 years of age and older to obtain the vaccines set out in Section IV from a pharmacy. This order may further be used by Alabama licensed pharmacists, registered pharmacy interns, externs, or technicians to the extent permitted by federal or state law, to administer vaccines when complying with the directions set out in Section V.

IV. ORDER

Vaccines may be administered for the following diseases based upon screening criteria to include age, location, lifestyle, travel, health conditions, and vaccination history:

- Chickenpox (Varicella)
- COVID-19
- Diphtheria
- Flu (Influenza)
- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B
- Hib (Haemophilus influenzae type b)
- HPV (Human Papillomavirus)
- Measles

- Meningococcal
- Mumps
- Pneumococcal
- Polio (Poliomyelitis)
- RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus)
- Rubella (German Measles)
- Shingles (Herpes Zoster)
- Tetanus (Lockjaw)
- Whooping Cough (Pertussis)

V. **DIRECTIONS**

To utilize this order:

1. Vaccines must be stored in accordance with the manufacturer's directions.

- 2. Vaccines must be administered in accordance with manufacturer directions by:
 - (a) A pharmacist licensed by the Alabama State Board of Pharmacy; or
 - (b) An intern or extern registered by the Alabama State Board of Pharmacy; or
 - (c) A pharmacy technician, acting under the direct supervision of an Alabama licensed pharmacist, registered by the Alabama Board of Pharmacy.
- 3. All individuals authorized to administer vaccines must meet the requirements set forth in Alabama Administrative Rule 680-X-2-.46 Training for Immunizing Pharmacists.
- 4. Interns, externs, and pharmacy technicians are authorized to administer vaccines only as permitted by federal or state law.
- 5. Individuals (or their legal representatives) must receive appropriate screening and counseling and be given a Vaccine Information Statement prior to the vaccine being administered.
- 6. All administered vaccines must be recorded in ImmPRINT.

VI. EXPIRATION AND REVIEW

This Standing Order, subject to updates as needed, will remain in effect until December 31, 2026.

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