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COVID-19 Expert Vaccine Allocation Panel
Texas Department of State Health Services
PO Box 149347
Austin, Texas 78714-9347

Dear Members of the COVID-19 Expert Vaccine Allocation Panel,

I first want to thank you for your valued service to the State of Texas. Your careful work has served as the basis for the formulation of recommendations to the Texas Commissioner of Health as the State continues to implement its vaccine distribution plan.

I applaud your efforts to target the vaccines based upon science and the critical need to prevent hospitalizations and deaths from Covid-19. Certainly, that is the laudable overriding goal of the vaccine distribution efforts for our State.

The second of the vaccine allocation guiding principles adopted by your committee is to protect front-line workers who are at greater risk of contracting COVID-19 due to the nature of their work providing critical services and preserving the economy. **Beyond medical personnel treating patients, few other workers in our State meet this criterion more clearly than our classroom teachers.** Classroom teachers are in direct risk of contracting the Coronavirus in an often-cramped classroom environment. Moreover, our teachers provide obviously critical services in educating our children. It goes without saying that educating our children is at the heart of preserving our economy.

Consequently, I request that the COVID-19 Expert Vaccine Allocation Panel to consider adding all Texas classroom teachers to the 1B phase of the Vaccine Distribution Plan. Given the latest positive news regarding the efficacy of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, getting our teachers vaccinated could make a big difference to help restore normalcy to over five million students in our schools.

Minimally, I urge the panel to fulfill the vaccine allocation guiding principle of transparency by helping to clearly communicate to Texas' almost 400,000 classroom teachers when they can expect to be vaccinated.

Thank you again for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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Governor Greg Abbott
Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 12428
Austin, Texas 78711-2428

Dear Governor Abbott,

We share a deep concern for the future of the State of Texas and for the health of her residents. The work of the COVID-19 Expert Vaccine Allocation Panel in conjunction with the Texas Department of State Health Services to craft a vaccine distribution plan will make a real difference for our State as we overcome this pandemic.

I applaud efforts of the COVID-19 Expert Vaccine Allocation Panel and the Texas Department of State Health Services to target the vaccines based upon science and the critical need to prevent hospitalizations and deaths from Covid-19. Certainly, that is the laudable overriding goal of the vaccine distribution efforts for our State.

One of the important vaccine allocation guiding principles adopted by the COVID-19 Expert Vaccine Allocation Panel is to protect front-line workers who are at greater risk of contracting COVID-19 due to the nature of their work providing critical services and preserving the economy. **Beyond medical personnel treating patients, few other workers in our State meet this criterion more clearly than our classroom teachers.** Classroom teachers are in direct risk of contracting the Coronavirus in an often-cramped classroom environment. Moreover, our teachers provide obviously critical services in educating our children. It goes without saying that educating our children is at the heart of preserving our economy.

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John William Hellerstedt, MD
Commissioner, Texas Department of State Health Services
1100 West 49th Street
Austin, Texas 78756-3199

Dear Commissioner Hellerstedt,

Thank you for your valued service to the State of Texas as Commissioner of the Texas Department of State Health Services. Your work with the COVID-19 Expert Vaccine Allocation Panel to craft a vaccine distribution plan will make a real difference for our State as we overcome this pandemic.

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