

**SENATE BILL No. 295**

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

3-11

1 AN ACT concerning health and healthcare; relating to COVID-19 vaccine  
2 distribution; authorizing counties to adopt prioritized vaccination plans;  
3 prohibiting the state from reducing vaccination allotments based on  
4 adherence to state guidelines.

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6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

7 Section 1. (a) As used in this section:

8 (1) "County" means a board of county commissioners acting as a  
9 county board of health pursuant to K.S.A. 65-201, and amendments  
10 thereto.

11 (2) "COVID-19" means the novel coronavirus identified as SARS-  
12 CoV-2.

13 (3) "COVID-19 vaccine" means a vaccine intended to provide  
14 acquired immunity against COVID-19 that has been approved by or  
15 received emergency use authorization from the federal food and drug  
16 administration.

17 (4) "Department" means the department of health and environment.

18 (b) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a  
19 county may adopt a resolution prescribing the county's plan for  
20 distribution or administration of COVID-19 vaccines. Such resolution  
21 shall describe the county's prioritized vaccination plan and provide  
22 detailed definitions of identified population segments that incorporate the  
23 following guiding principles:

24 (A) Providing widespread access to COVID-19 vaccines;

25 (B) maximizing vaccine acceptance and public health protection; and

26 (C) minimizing waste and inefficiency.

27 (2) A county's prioritized vaccination plan may differ from a  
28 vaccination plan or recommendation from the department.

29 (3) A county's prioritized vaccination plan shall not cause or permit a  
30 COVID-19 vaccine to be distributed or administered in a manner that  
31 violates federal law or recommendations.

32 (c) (1) The department shall retain authority to allot vaccinations to  
33 counties on a schedule as determined by the department.

34 (2) The department shall not reduce or delay vaccination allotments  
35 or take any action that has the effect of reducing or delaying vaccination  
36 allotments based upon a county's decisions related to vaccine distribution

1 or administration.

2 (d) This section shall expire on December 31, 2022.

3 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its

4 publication in the Kansas register.