



# STATE *of* MINNESOTA

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Executive Department

Governor Tim Walz

## Executive Order 25-09

### Addressing Continued Vaccine Access for Minnesotans

I, Tim Walz, Governor of the State of Minnesota, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable statutes, issue the following executive order:

Vaccination is one of the greatest public health inventions of all time. Routine vaccination prevents hospital visits, disabilities, and death. Vaccines allow us to live better and longer than ever before. But the federal government is seeking to inject politics into what should be a decision between a person and their healthcare provider.

The Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Robert F. Kennedy Jr., has led a misinformation campaign questioning the effectiveness and utility of vaccines. In the last few months, the federal government has systematically worked to eliminate scientific and medical expertise while simultaneously restricting authorization and access to certain critical vaccines. The result may well be a rise in devastating and preventable infectious diseases like measles and polio.

In response to these alarming moves by the federal government to limit the availability of and access to vaccines, we must act to ensure that Minnesotans know their access to vaccines remains secure. Despite recent federal actions, healthcare providers in Minnesota may continue to use their medical judgment and training, within their scope of practice, to recommend and administer vaccines. Although the federal government has taken steps to reduce access to the COVID-19 vaccine in particular, it remains broadly available in Minnesota. The State of Minnesota will continue to follow scientific, peer-reviewed studies and utilize the guidance of national physician organizations.

Regardless of the actions of the federal government, Minnesota will continue to work to support access to, and accurate information about, all available vaccines.

For these reasons, I order as follows:

1. Minnesota Department of Health ("MDH") will:
  - a. Collaborate and coordinate with the Minnesota Department of Human Services, Minnesota Board of Pharmacy, and the Department of Commerce ("Commerce"), to continue to identify, review, and remove barriers to vaccine access to the fullest extent permitted by law and available funding so that vaccines remain broadly and readily accessible to Minnesotans;

- b. Direct the MDH Medical Director to review immunization recommendations and guidance on the COVID 19 vaccine and, as appropriate, issue a standing order or protocol regarding access to COVID 19 vaccines no later than September 24, 2025. A standing order or protocol should provide guidance to pharmacists and other healthcare providers on appropriate protocols for administering the vaccine to ensure the broadest possible access;
  - c. Continue monitoring whether additional measures, including use of standing orders, may be necessary to provide clarity and guidance on other routine vaccines;
  - d. Continue to provide guidance to the public, providers, payors, and pharmacists on vaccine safety, efficacy and effectiveness; and
  - e. Provide updated guidance to the public on how and where to access vaccines, while working to counteract the confusion and uncertainty caused by the federal government's new and continuing limitations on vaccine access and related misinformation.
- 2. Commerce will work with health plans to develop guidance to insureds regarding safeguarding their access to and limiting the costs of vaccines in various healthcare settings, including pharmacies.
- 3. Commerce and MDH will:
  - a. By October 6, 2025, convene payors, providers, and professional organizations to identify barriers to vaccine access and ways to address those barriers. MDH and Commerce will provide recommendations to the Governor on potential executive or legislative solutions; and
  - b. Continue collaboration with payors, providers, and professional organizations in identifying, navigating, and decreasing barriers to vaccine access and coverage, and in helping Minnesotans navigate vaccine access and financial barriers caused by recent or future actions of the federal government.

This Executive Order is effective fifteen days after publication in the State Register and filing with the Secretary of State. It will remain in effect until rescinded by proper authority or until it expires in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 4.035, subdivision 3.

A determination that any provision of this Executive Order is invalid will not affect the enforceability of any other provision of this Executive Order. Rather, the invalid provision will be modified to the extent necessary so that it is enforceable.



Signed on September 8, 2025.

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**Tim Walz, GOVERNOR**

Filed According to Law:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Simon", written over a horizontal line.

**Steve Simon, SECRETARY OF STATE**

Filed September 8, 2025  
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