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**ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

**COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Order No. 2021-7**

**Issued September 2, 2021**

On May 28, 2021, pursuant to Section 2A of Chapter 17 of the General Laws, Governor Charles D. Baker declared that an emergency exists that is detrimental to the public health in the Commonwealth due to the continuing threat of COVID-19, and authorized the Commissioner, with the approval of the Public Health Council, to adopt measures to facilitate COVID-19 testing and vaccination, to mandate special measures to protect higher risk populations or to effectuate continued surveillance of COVID-19, and to respond as necessary to outbreaks of the virus as they may arise.

Consistent with the Governor's May 28, 2021 declaration, on June 9, 2021, the Public Health Council approved and authorized the Commissioner of Public Health to take such actions, incur such liabilities, and establish such rules, requirements and procedures which are necessary to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in order to protect the health and welfare of the people of the Commonwealth. Accordingly, having received that authorization from the Council and with the approval of the Governor, I issue the following Order:

Hospitals that have access to the Massachusetts Immunization Information System (MIIS) may access MIIS to verify the COVID-19 vaccination status of their employees. Any access or redisclosure of information obtained from the MIIS pursuant to this Order must be solely for the purpose of verifying COVID-19 vaccination status.

A facility acting pursuant to this Order must maintain a list of those MIIS Authorized Users it designates to access MIIS for this purpose and make that list available to the Department upon request.

All provisions of G.L. c. 111 §24M, 105 CMR 222, the facility's MIIS Provider Site Enrollment Agreement, the designated users' MIIS Individual User Agreement and Confidentiality Statements, and any other applicable law, which are not inconsistent with this Order remain in effect.

This Order shall remain in effect until rescinded by me or the public health emergency is terminated by the Governor, whichever shall happen first.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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Margret R. Cooke  
Acting Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Public Health  
September 2, 2021