

1 AN ACT relating to the distribution and shipment of vaccine during a state of
2 emergency and declaring an emergency.

3 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

4 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 39A IS CREATED TO
5 READ AS FOLLOWS:

6 *During a declared state of emergency involving an infectious disease that requires*
7 *rapid distribution and administration of vaccine to limit the spread of the disease, a*
8 *hospital, pharmacy, medical clinic, or other healthcare provider shall be treated as a*
9 *vaccine site and shall receive vaccine shipments if the hospital, pharmacy, medical*
10 *clinic, or other healthcare provider:*

11 *(1) Is qualified and enrolled as a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention vaccine*
12 *provider;*

13 *(2) Has sufficient cold storage capability for vaccine storage;*

14 *(3) Has the ability to report vaccinations to the Kentucky Immunization Registry*
15 *within twenty-four (24) hours of administration; and*

16 *(4) Has a number of preregistered and scheduled patients who meet the criteria for*
17 *the current phase of vaccine distribution that meets or exceeds the minimum*
18 *number necessary to fully utilize a vaccine shipment.*

19 ➔Section 2. Whereas the equitable distribution of vaccine across the
20 Commonwealth is essential for controlling the spread of COVID-19 and saving the lives
21 of vulnerable citizens, an emergency is declared to exist, and this Act takes effect upon its
22 passage and approval by the Governor or upon its otherwise becoming law.