

	<p>Agenda Item: Resolution</p> <p>Title: RESOLUTION 2021-51, SUPPORTING COVID-19 VACCINATION INITIATIVES IN AN EFFORT TO ACHIEVE A VACCINATION LEVEL OF AT LEAST 70%</p>
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Recommended Council MOTION: I move to approve Resolution 2021-51, supporting the proposed initiatives of Albany County Public Health and the City of Laramie to achieve a vaccination rate of at least 70% and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign.

Administrative or Policy Goal:

For City of Laramie Council to support the proposed initiatives of Albany County Public Health and the City of Laramie to achieve a vaccination rate of at least 70%.

Background:

At the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, scientists estimated a threshold of 69.5% was needed to reach community immunity, which was based on mathematical models and relied heavily on the transmission rate. Currently, 43.4% of Albany County’s population is fully vaccinated. Currently available vaccines are protective against the original virus and developed variants, leaving the unvaccinated at most risk. With increased community immunity an infectious disease is less likely to spread. There are people in the community who are unable to be vaccinated or unable to develop a good immune response to the vaccine. With community immunity reducing spread of the virus, a vulnerable person is protected by default. As rates of vaccinations go up, there can be an increase in indirect or community effects.

Legal/Statutory Authority:

BUDGET/FISCAL INFORMATION:

Responsible Staff: Janine Jordan, City Manager

Attachments: Resolution 2021-51