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A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to extend the eligibility to receive free COVID-19 services, including testing kits, testing services, vaccinations, and boosters, from the District government to any person who lives, works, or attends an institution of higher learning in the District, and to revise the proof of District residency requirement to receive those services to include proof of employment in the District of Columbia, enrollment in an institution of higher learning in the District, or self-attestation of District residency in exceptional circumstances including homelessness and domestic violence.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Expanded Eligibility Criteria to Receive Free COVID-19 Services Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2022.”

Sec. 2. (a) In response to the COVID-19 virus, the District has implemented programs to deliver a number of free services to District residents in order to help slow the spread of the virus.

(b) Among these free services are testing kits, testing services, vaccinations, and booster shots.

(c) These services are provided free of charge to District residents, and proof of DC residency is required in order to receive them.

(d) The requirement to show proof of DC residency is a barrier to some who live, work,

39 or attend an institution of higher learning in the District, and who should be equally incentivized
40 to take advantage of these free services, in order to stop the spread of the virus.

41 (e) It is in the interest of all District residents to remove these barriers for any person who
42 lives, works, or attends an institution of higher learning in the District.

43 (f) The aforementioned circumstances have made it clear that a well-defined expansion of
44 eligibility criteria to receive free COVID-19 services from the District government is needed in
45 order to protect our residents.

46 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
47 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary to expand
48 eligibility criteria to receive free COVID-19 services from the District government.

49 Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.