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Make Your Vaccination Appointment Now! -Upcoming Vaccination Requirement Deadlines

This message is intended for all DOL Federal employees.

Dear Colleagues,

I got vaccinated to reduce my risk of severe illness, make me more comfortable leaving my home, and to help protect vulnerable members our community. Personally, I have aging parents and a grandmother in her 90s. Making sure my whole family got vaccinated made me feel safer interacting with them and significantly reduced the chances that an exposure would result in severe illness for any of us.

I am so pleased to share with you that the vast majority of our DOL workforce is already fully vaccinated. Getting vaccinated may not be an easy or quick decision for everyone, and I encourage you to consider your vaccination options and consult your doctor, if needed. As of yesterday, over 319 million vaccine doses have been administered in the U.S. and over 96% of American doctors are vaccinated.

We have to be proactive to comply with President Biden's September 9th <u>Executive Order</u> to be fully vaccinated by November 22nd because, depending on the vaccine you choose, the process will take two to six weeks. All three of the vaccines below are free, widely available, and FDA approved or authorized. Choose the available one that works best for you, be mindful of the deadlines, and make your appointment now. Clicking the name of the vaccine below will take you to an overview of the vaccine which includes special considerations and information on allergens, safety, and efficacy.

- <u>Moderna</u>: first dose administered no later than Monday, October 11, 2021 (Columbus Day / Indigenous Peoples' Day), and the second dose administered no later than Monday, November 8, 2021
- <u>Pfizer/ Comirnaty</u>: first dose administered no later than **Monday**, **October 18, 2021**, and the second dose administered no later than Monday, November 8, 2021
- Johnson and Johnson: single dose administered no later than Monday, November 8, 2021.

For assistance making an appointment and to find vaccine availability please visit <u>vaccines.gov</u> or call 1-800-232-0233 (TTY 888-720-7489). You can <u>search</u> by location and vaccine type. In fact, many providers now offer vaccines on a walkin basis.

Our Federal colleagues at <u>Health and Human Services (HHS)</u> and the <u>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention</u> (<u>CDC</u>) have a wealth of resources available to help you learn more about the vaccine (see videos below).

As a Department, our mission is to protect the welfare of workers. Getting vaccinated is another way we can do that for the communities we serve, as well as for our families and colleagues. Let's do everything we can to protect ourselves and one another.

If you need additional assistance or have questions, please email

Sincerely,

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Helpful Videos from HHS:



HHS: <u>Ask a Doctor: Do I really need to get a</u> <u>COVID vaccine?</u> (1 min)



HHS: <u>Ask the Surgeon General: If I've already</u> had COVID, why do I still need a vaccine? (1 min)

WHY DO I NEED BOTH COVID-19 VACCINE DOSES?

HHS: <u>Ask the Surgeon General: If I've already had</u> <u>COVID, why do I still need a vaccine?</u> (1 min)

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HHS: <u>Ask the Surgeon General: Why do I need both</u> <u>COVID-19 vaccine doses?</u> (1 min)

Questions? View the LaborNet page or email us at

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