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Subject: Requirement to Attest to Vaccination Status



Dear Colleagues,

Consistent with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Safer Federal Workforce Task Force, Interior is establishing specific safety protocols for fully vaccinated people and not fully vaccinated people entering our buildings and other facilities.

In areas of high or substantial transmission, as defined by CDC, everyone—including fully vaccinated people—must wear a mask indoors when not alone in their office, consistent with federal requirements. In areas of low or moderate transmission, fully vaccinated people generally can safely participate in most activities, indoor or outdoor, without needing to wear a mask or maintain physical distance, and do not need to undertake regular testing.

All employees are required to attest to their vaccination status. Employees who disclose that they are fully vaccinated are required to comply with CDC and DOI guidance for fully vaccinated individuals. Employees who attest that they are unvaccinated or not fully vaccinated, or who decline to provide vaccine information, are required to comply with CDC and DOI guidance for not fully vaccinated individuals, including wearing masks regardless of the transmission rate in a given area, physical distancing, regular testing and adhering to applicable travel restrictions.

By Aug. 27, 2021, please complete the online attestation form. If your vaccination status changes, please update your information by submitting a new form. You do not need to be connected to the VPN to complete this form. Responses provided on the attestation form will be

treated as medical information and subject to strict access controls. At this time, only Interior employees are required to attest to their vaccination status. We will be implementing similar policies for contractors and visitors in the near future.

We have posted Frequently Asked Questions on the All DOI Employee COVID-19 Information Portal. There, you will find FAQs about the use of administrative leave for vaccination of yourself or family members, as well as other important information.

As Secretary Haaland reminded us in her message last week, our country is still facing increased rates of COVID-19 infections and being vaccinated is among the best ways to protect ourselves and our loved ones. These requirements take steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and protect the health and safety of our workforce.

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