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Executive Order on Protecting the Federal Workforce

Dear DOL Colleagues,

This week, President Biden signed an executive order of particular relevance to protecting the federal workforce. In this order, the President has directed all agencies to take steps to protect federal workers – including by requiring compliance with CDC guidelines requiring the use of masks, physical distancing, and other public health measures. It also requires agencies to report on their efforts to implement this order within 7 days of its signing. You can see the [full text of the order at this link](#).

The Department is pursuing efforts now to update our own COVID-19 protocols, and we will keep you apprised of that effort. Tricia Smith and I have tasked OSHA and OASAM to work together on this important project. We will also be meeting with leadership of our federal employee unions, and expect opportunities to hear from the Department's employees more broadly in the weeks and months ahead as we continue onboarding new leadership and continue iterating our plans.

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