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Protecting Workers, Protecting Ourselves

This message is intended for all DOL Federal employees.

All DOL employees who have not yet been vaccinated need to pay close attention to the <u>upcoming deadlines</u>, to select the COVID-19 vaccine that works best for you, and to reach out to your doctor for additional information if you still have concerns. And, I am reminding all DOL employees who are partially vaccinated to complete their vaccination series in order to achieve full vaccination by November 22nd. The COVID-19 Coordination Team has made a lot of information, including <u>timesheet guidance</u> and <u>VaxTrak information</u>, and other trusted resources available on <u>LaborNet</u> to help you learn more.

Secretary Walsh often references our important mission to empower all workers morning, noon, and night, and recently President Biden called on Federal employees to protect themselves, other workers, and their communities by getting vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus. Given DOL's role in workplace safety and compliance, this requirement hits very close to home for the work that we do. OSHA is developing an emergency temporary standard to ensure more private sector workers are vaccinated, which is an integral part of the Administration's COVID-19 Action Plan. We are also communicating the benefits of the COVID-19 vaccine to the communities we serve in other ways, including through our blog post on <u>5 Things Miners Should Know about the COVID Vaccine</u>.

As a reminder, the DOL COVID-19 Coordination Team is also hosting an all employee open forum today, Thursday, October 7th at 12pm EDT to discuss this information.

- Join the meeting
- To receive the American Sign Language (ASL) interpreting link, please email:
- After the session, use the meeting link to view the recording. This link will remain active until the session is available on <u>LaborNet</u>.

I am so proud of the work that DOL does and the services we provide. Getting vaccinated both helps to keep our workforce safe and protects the American workers we serve. I expect everyone to take this responsibility seriously.

In service,

Julie Su Deputy Secretary

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