



Baptist Health South Florida

Supply Chain Management

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Dear Baptist Health Vendors,

We have learned so much about COVID-19, both medically and the way it shapes our daily living over the last 18 months. Our guiding principle throughout the pandemic has been to prioritize the health and safety of our patients, colleagues, visitors and vendor community.

Over the last few months, we have continued to witness the efficacy of the COVID-19 vaccine. Through published scientific studies and through what we are witnessing in our own hospitals, we know that the COVID-19 vaccines are safe and extremely effective in preventing serious illness and death from COVID-19. While breakthrough infections in those who are vaccinated happen, it is clear that vaccinated people have significantly better outcomes when infected with COVID-19.

As per our policy, all Baptist Health-approved vendor and contractor staff will be required to be vaccinated for COVID-19. Only those who are fully vaccinated by Nov. 30 (two doses of either the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or one dose of the J&J Janssen vaccine) will be able to conduct business within Baptist Health facilities. No exceptions will be made.

Vendor partners/suppliers will be responsible for managing compliance, and maintaining their employees' vaccination records, which should be made available upon request. The partners/suppliers will be asked to certify that all of the employed contractors assigned to Baptist Health have met the COVID-19 vaccine requirement. Any contractor who does not meet the vaccination requirement will not be eligible to be issued a Baptist Health badge.

If you are a health care provider, you must comply with all training requirements of the OSHA ETS (at 29 CFR 1910.502(n)). Otherwise, the expectation is that your workforce will be trained in at least the following: a) the risks of contracting COVID-19; b) tasks and exposures from your work that may expose workers to the virus; c) measures your company is taking to protect workers and measures they must take to be protected; d) how to use face coverings and PPE, including respirators, when appropriate; e) that they need to comply with Baptist Health's requirements for entry, face coverings, physical distancing, and PPE; and f) that they must promptly report if they have tested positive, have COVID-19 like symptoms, or have been in close contact with such a person.

We understand the seriousness of our vaccination requirement and can assure you that much thought went into this process. A task force, including clinical experts and others across the organization, examined various models and determined that requiring vaccines is the best way forward in order to continue to carry out our important mission of safely caring for our community every day.

Our vendor community plays a critically important role at Baptist Health, and we appreciate your support and compliance with this policy.

Sincerely,

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