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RE: August 5, 2021 Order of the State Public Health Officer

On Friday, August 5, 2021, the State Public Health Officer put in place an order requiring all who work in a Health Care Facility to be vaccinated by September 30, 2021. Workers employed by a signatory Employer (UCSF, City & County, SFMTA, and Private Sector) who work, or may be required to work, in a Health Care Facility must have received a full regimen of COVID-19 vaccination by September 30, 2021 in order to work in those facilities.

The vaccination may be in the form of a single dose regimen (Johnson and Johnson [J&J]/Janssen) or a two-dose regimen (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna or vaccine authorized by the World Health Organization).

Covered Health Care Facilities include:

- I. General Acute Care Hospitals
- II. Skilled Nursing Facilities (including Subacute Facilities)
- III. Intermediate Care Facilities
- IV. Acute Psychiatric Hospitals
- V. Adult Day Health Care Centers
- VI. Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) and PACE Centers
- VII. Ambulatory Surgery Centers
- VIII. Chemical Dependency Recovery Hospitals
 - IX. Clinics & Doctor Offices (including behavioral health, surgical)
 - X. Congregate Living Health Facilities
 - XI. Dialysis Centers
- XII. Hospice Facilities
- XIII. Pediatric Day Health and Respite Care Facilities
- XIV. Residential Substance Use Treatment and Mental Health Treatment Facilities

"Workers" are defined in the Health Order as "as all paid and unpaid individuals who work in indoor settings where (1) care is provided to patients, or (2) patients have access for any purpose. This includes workers serving in health care or other health care settings who have the potential for direct or indirect exposure to patients or SARS-CoV-2 airborne aerosols. Workers include, but are not limited to, nurses, nursing assistants, physicians, technicians, therapists, phlebotomists, pharmacists, students and trainees, contractual staff not employed by the health care facility, and persons not directly involved in patient care, but who could be exposed to infectious agents that can be transmitted in the health care setting (e.g., clerical, dietary, environmental services, laundry, security, engineering and facilities management, administrative, billing, and volunteer personnel)."

The full Health Order, including possible exceptions, can be found at https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Order-of-the-State-Public-Health-Officer-Health-Care-Worker-Vaccine-Requirement.aspx