## **Coronavirus Update on Selected Issues** November 17, 2021

## Fall NORA Construction Sector Council Meeting



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## Outline

- CDC / NIOSH Guidance
  - Coordination with information from OSHA
  - Vaccines and vaccination status
  - Vaccine Boosters
- ETS Update
- Influenza
- Emerging Issues



https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/emres/2019\_ncov\_businesses.html

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# What Construction Workers Need to Know about COVID-19

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The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) provides resources to assist employers and workers identify COVID-19 exposure risks and help them take appropriate steps to prevent exposure and infection. See the OSHA <u>Coronavirus</u> <u>Disease (COVID-19) topic page</u> in for the most current requirements, guidance, and tools.



## **Workplace Program – selected aspects**

- Workplace Prevention Strategies
  - To prevent and reduce transmission and maintain healthy business operations and work environments
  - Workplace Vaccination Program
  - Types of Masks and Respirators
  - Ventilation in Buildings
  - Testing in Non-Healthcare Workplaces
  - Case Investigation and Contact Tracing



## Vaccines

Understanding How COVID-19 Vaccines Work | CDC

- COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective
- Side effects may occur after vaccination, but these are normal
- Typically it takes 2 weeks after fully vaccinated for body to build protection (immunity)
- If not vaccinated, find a vaccine. Keep taking all precautions until fully vaccinated



## Vaccines – "Fully Vaccinated"

- Understanding How COVID-19 Vaccines Work | CDC
- Two shots: If you get a COVID-19 vaccine that requires two shots, you are considered <u>fully vaccinated</u> two weeks after your second shot. Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines require two shots
- One Shot: If you get a COVID-19 vaccine that requires one shot, you are considered <u>fully vaccinated</u> two weeks after your shot. Johnson & Johnson's Janssen COVID-19 vaccine only requires one shot



## **Fully Vaccinated Persons**

- When You've Been Fully Vaccinated | CDC and
- CDC COVID Data Tracker
- You can resume activities that you did prior to the pandemic
  - Mask indoors in public if in an area of substantial/high transmission
- You can travel
- You should still get tested if you've had close contact with someone who has COVID-19 or if you have symptoms of COVID-19
- You will still need to follow guidance at your workplace and local businesses



## Vaccines - status

CDC site - COVID Data Tracker

https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#vaccinations\_vacc-total-admin-rate-total

CPWR site - COVID-19 Vaccination Dashboard

https://www.cpwr.com/research/data-center/data-dashboards/covid-19-vaccinationdashboard/



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#### COVID-19 Vaccinations in the United States

Overall US COVID-19 Vaccine Deliveries and Administration; Maps, charts, and data provided by CDC, updates daily by 8 pm ET<sup>†</sup> Represents all vaccine partners including jurisdictional partner clinics, retail pharmacies, long-term care facilities, dialysis centers, Federal Emergency Management Agency and Health Resources and Services Administration partner sites, and federal entity facilities.

#### Who is eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine booster dose?

How Do I Find a COVID-19 Vaccine? View Footnotes and Download Data

Total Vaccine Doses	At Least One Dose	Fully Vaccinated	Booster Dose
Delivered 541,361,525	Vaccinated People	Count	Percent of US Population
Administered 434,486,889 Learn more about the <u>distribution of vaccines</u> .	Total	224,660,453	67.7%
194.4M People fully vaccinated 26.1M People received a booster dose**	Population ≥ 12 Years of Age	224,045,726	79%
	Population ≥ 18 Years of Age	208,928,899	80.9%
	Population ≥ 65 Years of Age	53,961,229	98.5%



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#### 7-day Metrics

Community Transmission	🔴 High
How is community transmission calculated?	
	November 11, 2021
Cases	9,104
% Positivity	5-7.9%
Deaths	209
% Eligible Population Fully Vaccinated	74.3%
New Hospital Admissions (7-Day Moving Avg)	88.29



## **Boosters**

- After primary mRNA COVID-19 vaccine series
  - Should Receive a Booster -
    - 65 years and older, 50–64 years with underlying medical conditions, or 18 years and older who live in long-term care settings
  - <u>May</u> Receive a Booster
    - 18-49 years old with underlying medical conditions, or 18 years and older who work or live in high-risk settings
- People who received the J & J/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine and are ≥18 years old should receive a booster shot at least 2 months after primary dose



## **Boosters**

- COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Shots | CDC
- Choosing Your COVID- 19 Booster Shot
- You may choose which COVID-19 vaccine you receive as a booster shot
  - Some people may have a preference
  - CDC's recommendations now allow for this type of mix and match dosing for booster shots



# Examples of occupations where workers might be at increased risk of exposure

- Workplace Vaccination Program | CDC
- CDC provides a list of examples of occupations on the website
  - The list does not include all occupations at potential risk for exposure
- Factors affecting a worker's risk for exposure
  - Level of community transmission of the virus
  - COVID-19 vaccination
  - Adherence to other prevention measures (e.g., wearing masks), and
  - Unavoidable frequent interactions with possibly unvaccinated people from outside their household



## Individual risk benefit assessment considerations

Given the rapidly changing clinical, public health, and scientific landscape amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, an individual level assessment considering potential benefits and risks of a COVID-19 booster dose is needed where the data are uncertain



## OSHA Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

## https://www.osha.gov/coronavirus

#### **OSHA Requirements**

#### Regulations

**Emergency Temporary Standards** 

- NEW Vaccination and Testing
- Healthcare

#### Guidance

For Everyone

 UPDATED 8/13 Mitigating and Preventing the Spread of COVID-19 in the Workplace

#### **Highlights and Tools**

Vaccines.gov CDC Coronavirus (COVID-19) Page CDC Workplaces and Businesses Page Job Accommodation Network (COVID-19)

## OSHA Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

### https://www.osha.gov/coronavirus

COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing ETS / Frequently Asked Questions

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CDC Prevent Seasonal Flu

https://www.cdc.gov/flu/prevent/index.html

FAQs on COVID-19 and flu

https://www.cdc.gov/flu/season/faq-flu-season-2021-2022.htm#Seasonal-Flu-and-COVID-19





For more information, contact CDC 1-800-CDC-INFO (232-4636) TTY: 1-888-232-6348 www.cdc.gov

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