



U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Dear Colleagues:

The United States has made great progress in its efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19. Thanks to solid partnerships between the nation's public and private sectors, we have a strong and reliable supply of multiple safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines. Every day, health officials are administering millions of doses to those who are eager to receive the lifesaving protection that they offer.

Despite this progress, we have much more to do before we reach the threshold for community immunity and to achieve the goal President Biden recently set for all of us to work together to administer at least one vaccine shot to 70% of the United States' population by July 4. While vaccine supply is up, demand is beginning to ebb. Vaccine hesitancy is real and remains a significant concern. Even as we begin to relax restrictions, the pandemic continues to threaten the health of our nation and our long-term recovery. Vaccination, coupled with common sense prevention measures, remains our best defense against this tenacious virus.

The time is now for federal, state, and local policymakers to double down on efforts to involve businesses of all sizes more fully in the vaccination effort. Employers are ready, willing, and able to help vaccinate America. Worksites are a safe, convenient, comfortable, and trusted venue for vaccine administration, as is often done every year in many workplaces with flu clinics.

The easier we make it for individuals to get vaccinated, the more likely they are to roll up their sleeves and accept the COVID-19 vaccine when it is offered to them. Offering vaccinations at work creates more opportunities for equitable vaccine distribution by removing barriers that are known to hinder vaccination, such as transportation or scheduling challenges. It also reinforces positive messages about vaccine safety by leveraging the trust people have in their employers. Seeing friends and colleagues get the shot while on the job may also influence those who are undecided or on the fence to be more comfortable in making the decision to get vaccinated.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials join in support of governmental efforts to prioritize workplace vaccination clinics and partner with interested employers to become a designated site to provide COVID-19 vaccines. We are supportive of efforts to expand vaccination clinic options to businesses, including on-site vaccination sites, that make obtaining the COVID-19 vaccine as convenient as possible to their employees.

Through this joint statement, our goal is to emphasize and reinforce the value and power of public and private partnerships, especially during times of crisis, and encourage our members to continue to work together to increase access to COVID-19 vaccination opportunities by leveraging the interest, resources, and commitment of employers. We stand ready in partnership to support you in combating this pandemic by protecting the public's health and advancing our economic recovery.

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