



**COLORADO**  
Governor Jared Polis

Hello County Commissioners,

Thank you for sharing your concerns about the COVID-19 vaccine. Please know that our office and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) take these issues and your comments very seriously.

Today, the COVID-19 pandemic remains a pandemic of the unvaccinated. However, everyone else is forced to deal with the consequences that come from the choices of the unvaccinated. To date over 77% of eligible people have received at least one dose of a life-saving vaccine. Even with that progress there is much progress to be made.

After the State Board of Health voted overwhelmingly in support of a vaccination requirement, all staff, contractors, and employees who interact with patients or clients in assisted living homes, nursing homes, hospitals, hospices, community clinics and a variety of other health care settings will have until the end of October to be vaccinated. The service and commitment of our healthcare workers is something to marvel at, which is why we want to ensure that they stay healthy and are protected as they work to protect others.

Since this vote, more than 1,100 healthcare workers have been vaccinated against COVID-19. This was a vital step to protect those who have little choice in their presence in healthcare facilities. A joint statement from nearly 60 medical groups, including the American Medical Association and the American Nurses Association, supports a mandate for health care workers and urges all health care and long-term care employers to require their employees to be vaccinated against COVID-19. The Governor's Office applauds the healthcare systems, school districts and businesses that took this step upon themselves.

The state will continue providing COVID-19 vaccinations for all who want them.

For more information about the vaccine, please visit <https://covid19.colorado.gov/vaccine>.

For frequently asked questions, visit <https://covid19.colorado.gov/vaccine-faq>.

Sincerely,

Office of Governor Jared Polis  
State of Colorado

