

**DATE: Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2021**

**TO: Children's Minnesota employees**

**FROM: Marc Gorelick, MD, president and CEO**

**SUBJECT: Children's Minnesota requiring COVID-19 vaccine**

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Dear colleagues,

Thank you for your continued commitment to the children and families we serve as we work through the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. Children's Minnesota is joining eight local health care organizations in requiring the COVID-19 vaccine for employees, professional staff, volunteers and contractors.

At Children's Minnesota, the requirement will go into effect no sooner than Sept. 7, 2021, and will include some medical and religious exemptions. You can expect more details by early the week of Aug. 9 about how the requirement will be implemented.

The increased number of COVID-19 infections in the community, being driven by highly transmissible variants, is concerning to healthcare organizations. As the kid experts in the region, it is our collective duty to deliver the safest care possible to the kids and families we serve.

- COVID-19 vaccines are a safe and effective public health measure, proven to help prevent death and to reduce severe illness from COVID-19.
- There is currently no COVID-19 vaccine approved for children younger than 12 years old, who make up a large portion of our patient population. By getting vaccinated against COVID-19 we can help protect the kids we care for, and their families, from becoming severely ill or from dying from COVID-19.

Since COVID-19 vaccines became available to frontline workers, Children's Minnesota has strongly encouraged all of our staff to get vaccinated. We are proud to report that 86 percent of Children's Minnesota employees have received at least one dose.

Employees, volunteers, contractors and professional staff can schedule a COVID-19 vaccination through Employee Health Services (EHS). To schedule an appointment, please call 952-992-5372 or email [employeehealth@childrensmn.org](mailto:employeehealth@childrensmn.org).

Thank you for putting kids first and helping to keep our community safe.

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