From: Supply Chain  
To: Supplier and contractor organizations not managed through Ingenesis/HR Recruitment  
Subject: Action needed: CMS COVID-19 Vaccination Requirement  
Date: November 22, 2021

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is requiring COVID-19 vaccination for all healthcare workers. The order took effect on Nov. 5, and we must fully comply by Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2022 as a Condition of Participation for the federally sponsored Medicare program (for aging patients) and Medicaid programs (for low-income and disabled patients).

Non-compliance would impact MD Anderson’s ability to continue pursuing our mission, including performing research and treating patients.

Per CMS’s requirements, the specific actions all MD Anderson workforce members (including vendors, contractors, and other external organizations who visit our facilities) must take to comply are:

1. **By Sunday, Dec. 5, 2021 at 11:59 p.m.:** Have received a first dose (of a two-dose series) or a one-dose COVID-19 vaccine OR received approval for exemption due to a recognized medical condition or religious belief, observance or practice as outlined in the CMS requirements.

2. **By Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2022 at 11:59 p.m.:** Submit a vaccination record showing all doses for full vaccination have been received or an approved exemption request.

**Action needed: Your partnership in compliance**

We need your help in ensuring that your employees or contractors fully understand these requirements and are in compliance.

For individuals **with** an MD Anderson-issued badge:
- These individuals will be receiving communication directly from MD Anderson on how to upload documentation of their vaccination or approved exemption in the [COVID-19 Workforce Vaccination Portal](#).
- Exemption requests must be documented and approved by your organization.
- Please ensure that each individual is aware of the importance of adhering to the deadlines.
- Badge access will be suspended, and they will not be allowed on campus after Dec. 5 until they meet compliance.

For individuals **without** an MD Anderson-issued badge:
- In order to assist our institution with credentialing all vendor representatives in the most efficient way, we have partnered with Vendormate.
- Organizations must be registered with Vendormate ([registersupplier.ghx.com](http://registersupplier.ghx.com)) and compliant with our requirements to gain access to our facilities and departments. The requirements include:
  - Upload proof of vaccination or a vaccination exemption letter from your organization.
• Schedule appointments with the department prior to on campus arrival
• Print a temporary badge and display at all times while on campus

MD Anderson reserves the right to refuse campus access, and to seek all remedies available to it under law and in equity, for failure to comply with any requirements contained herein, as determined in MD Anderson’s sole discretion.

To learn more, read the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) prepared by CMS. For all other questions, please contact Supply Chain Help Desk at 713-745-7997 with any questions regarding the above requirements.

Updates on these requirements, campus entry processes and other information will be shared on [MD Anderson’s Vendors and Suppliers webpage](#).