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## COVID-19 Vaccination Mandates and the Impact to Agency Healthcare Workers

Dear Healthcare Associates:

On July 27, 2021, the CDC updated the masking guidelines because of the Delta variant surge. The CDC data shows that the Delta variant is different than past versions of the virus. The Delta variant is much more contagious. Some vaccinated people can get Delta variant in a breakthrough infection and may be contagious, this is uncommon but noteworthy.

The American Hospital Association and the American Nurses Association simultaneously issued position statements encouraging healthcare workers to get vaccinated. Government officials are including healthcare workers in their vaccination mandates as well.

We have been tracking the situation closely and have seen fast movement among hospital and other healthcare providers mandating vaccination with a firm date upon which only the vaccinated will be allowed to work. Becker's is keeping [a list of facilities moving to mandatory vaccination](#), although it is not an all inclusive list. As an agency we have also been receiving requests for only vaccinated staff from some of our clients.

We care about the safety of our employees. We have added information about vaccination to the website so that you can review it. We also included information about the Delta variant. It is imperative that you continue to monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID. If you test positive for COVID or think you have been exposed, let us know right away. The isolation period still applies to all non-vaccinated staff. Some facilities are also including vaccinated staff. Some facilities still have a testing option but we are seeing those also going away.

**We want you to have the best chance of being considered for positions. In order to maintain and increase your assignment options, send your COVID vaccination records to your local ATC office as soon as possible so that we can continue to be able to present you for assignments that require only vaccinated staff.**