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**To: Vendors of The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center**

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**Subject Line: EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY: The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center's updated COVID-19 vaccine requirement for badged contractors**

Badged contractors working for The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center must be compliant with the medical center's updated COVID-19 vaccine requirement. They must take these steps to ensure compliance:

**By Tuesday, March 15**, badged contractors must initiate and report the first dose of a two-dose series or a one-dose COVID-19 vaccination OR request a medical or religious exemption. They must [submit their vaccine documentation](#), including their vaccine card, or [request a religious or medical exemption](#).

*If a badged contractor has a previously approved religious or medical exemption on file OR receives an approved religious or medical exemption from the Ohio State Wexner Medical Center, they must still comply with the medical center's COVID-19 vaccine requirement, including weekly COVID-19 testing and wearing an N-95 mask on the premises.*

**By Thursday, April 14**, badged contractors who have not submitted a religious or medical exemption must have completed a single-dose COVID-19 vaccine or both doses of a two-dose vaccine series. They must also [submit their vaccine documentation](#), including their vaccine card.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) requires medical facilities to ensure all health care workers are vaccinated against COVID-19. Because the Wexner Medical Center participates in the Medicare and Medicaid programs and is a CMS-certified facility, this requirement applies to all medical center staff and badged contractors.

For the purpose of this document, the term "badged contractor" means an individual with regularly assigned work within a medical center facility, including vendors, consultants, contractors, subcontractors, subconsultants and any other such service providers as the medical center designates. You can read more about the rule and review frequently asked questions on the [CMS.gov website](#).

As previously communicated, all vaccine exemptions are subject to change due to legal and regulatory requirements. Ohio State officials are closely monitoring applicable guidelines and requirements and will continue to communicate if changes are made.

If you have any questions or concerns, please review the FAQs found [here](#). If you still have questions not addressed by the FAQs, please speak to your local medical center contact.

Thank you for your attention to this important update to keep our community safe.

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