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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES  
*Aging and Long-Term Support Administration*  
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**GOVERNOR PROCLAMATION ON MANDATORY VACCINATION**

Dear Provider / Administrator / Superintendent:

This letter is to inform you on August 9, 2021, the Governor issued [proclamation 21-14](#) requiring most state employees, private health care and long-term care workers to be vaccinated against COVID-19. Click [here](#) for a link to a FAQ document from the Department of Health regarding Proclamation 12-14.

- Long-term care workers, workers in any health care setting, and individuals with [Healthcare Professional Credentials](#) must be fully vaccinated as a condition of employment by October 18, 2021. This includes the two weeks after receiving a vaccine in order to be fully protected. Follow the below COVID-19 vaccination timelines to meet the October 18 deadline:
  - **Moderna**
    - 2 doses, 28 days apart
    - First dose no later than: 9/6/21
    - Second dose: 10/4/21
    - Last date to complete series: 10/4/21
    - Date fully vaccinated (two weeks after last dose): 10/18/21
  - **Pfizer**
    - 2 doses, 21 days apart
    - First dose no later than: 9/13/21
    - Second dose: 10/4/21
    - Last date to complete series: 10/4/21
    - Date fully vaccinated (two weeks after last dose): 10/18/21
  - **Janssen/J&J**
    - Single dose
    - Single shot no later than: 10/4/21
    - Date fully vaccinated (two weeks after last dose): 10/18/21
- There will be exemptions to this requirement for medical and religious reasons. See the Department of Health FAQ linked above for more details.
- The healthcare setting provides the medical or religious reasonable accommodation for employees to the extent permitted by law.
- There will not be an option to test regularly in lieu of getting vaccinated. This has not worked to reduce the spread of COVID and is costly.

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- Vaccination status is medical information and must be protected just like all medical information.

Thank you for your continued commitment to resident health and safety. If you have any questions, please contact the Department of Health at 1-800-525-0127 or [doh.information@doh.wa.gov](mailto:doh.information@doh.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Anbesse". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mike Anbesse, Director  
Residential Care Services

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