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**CHA Applauds Biden Administration's COVID-19 Vaccination Requirements for Health Care Settings**

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WASHINGTON, DC -- The Catholic Health Association of the United States (CHA) fully supports President Biden's decision to issue emergency regulations requiring COVID-19 vaccinations of staff within all Medicare- and Medicaid-certified facilities. Many CHA members already require the vaccines, recognizing they are necessary to protect their patients, their staff, and the entire community from the virus.

CHA and our members are committed to promoting the common good and believe getting the COVID-19 vaccine is part of our moral obligation to care for one another. Since the vaccines first became available, we have strongly encouraged their acceptance through our #LoveThyNeighbor campaign and believe these new requirements are critically important as we work to emerge from the pandemic.

CHA stands ready to assist the Biden Administration as it promulgates rules for the requirements and will continue to support efforts that ensure vaccines are readily available to all, particularly to those who are most vulnerable.

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