

## **INFORMATIONAL MEMO**

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**TO: Contractors** 

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## COVID-19 UPDATE — NEW COVID-19 VACCINE VERIFICATION REQUIREMENT

UChicago Argonne, LLC continues to implement necessary safety measures to protect our community from the negative impacts of COVID-19. Consistent with the Executive Order recently issued by the White House, UChicago Argonne, LLC is adopting a policy that requires all its employees to verify that they are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by Sunday, Oct. 31, 2021.

Specific details on what requirements will apply to UChicago Argonne, LLC's contractors, their subcontractors, and embedded contractors, including Argonne Associates, are currently being assessed by many organizations, including the U.S. Department of Energy and UChicago Argonne, LLC. We expect more information will become available in the coming weeks, but until then, we will not have official guidance or specific responses to questions related to COVID-19 vaccine requirements or testing for contractors and subcontractors.

As a reminder, anyone who works on site at the Argonne campus, including those who are vaccinated, should continue to adhere to COVID-19 transmission prevention measures including, conducting a <u>daily health self-check</u>, wearing face coverings, and following social distancing guidance. If any of your employees are not feeling well, they should not come to Argonne's facilities, even if they are fully vaccinated. UChicago Argonne LLC is committed to the safety and health of its workforce. Each vaccinated person helps reduce the risk of on-site infection and spread of COVID-19, which makes Argonne a safer work environment for all. We strongly recommend that you encourage your employees to get vaccinated.

We appreciate your continued adoption of COVID-19 safety protocols, especially as we adapt them to respond to changing levels of risk. We are committed to providing more information when it becomes available. To help ensure the right people are receiving our communications, please make sure our Technical and Procurement representatives have the most current contact information, including emails and phone number.

For information about COVID-19 safety protocols at Argonne, please visit our <u>website</u>.