

## **Chief Acquisition Officer Message Regarding Attestation on Health and Safety Precautions for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)**

To: VA Contractor Community

1. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) greatly appreciates our industry partners and their employees who have been working onsite at our VA facilities during this ongoing pandemic, and I thank you for your dedication to the VA mission. Since March 2020, many functions, including contract support functions, have been provided effectively in a telework environment. Unless notified otherwise, contractor telework should continue.
2. On 29 July 2021, the Office of Management and Budget, Safer Federal Workforce Task Force COVID-19 Workplace Safety issued Agency Model Safety Principles for Federal employees and contractors. Bottom line - All individuals entering Federal facilities or other Federal controlled indoor worksite(s) must adhere to these updated safety principles.
3. For your personnel working onsite in a VA facility, VA protocols and guidance require compliance with the following:
  - a. Each individual attest that they are fully vaccinated by signing this attestation form and presenting it when asked at all VA facilities, or
  - b. Show negative COVID-19 test results dated within three days prior to desired entry date for all unvaccinated personnel or onsite personnel who decline to provide their vaccination status, and
  - c. All personnel wear masks inside all VA facilities in accordance with CDC and local guidelines.
4. More details will be provided from your Contracting Officer or Contracting Officer Representative. In the meantime, you can review the Frequently Asked Questions on the Federal Safety Principles. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your respective VA contract point of contact.
5. I appreciate your continued support of the VA as we continue to confront COVID-19 together