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Dear Brothers & Sisters:

Across the country, the COVID-19 pandemic is having devastating effects. We appreciate how much you have already done to adapt during this challenging time. We understand you have worked under some uncertain and often stressful conditions, and you have helped make it possible for us to continue our essential operations.

Though it is not currently mandatory to be vaccinated, there may be certain facilities or jobsites with restrictions/regulations/requirements that are unavoidable and require vaccination during this pandemic. These projects are becoming increasingly predominate in recent times. If we are to continue to perform this work, we must meet those project requirements, or risk losing the work entirely. It's important that essential workers like you are vaccinated because of your role in maintaining critical infrastructure operations.

Getting the COVID-19 vaccine gives you an added layer of protection and could also protect your coworkers and your family. Here are some key points about COVID-19 vaccination:

- All COVID-19 vaccines available in the United States are very effective at preventing the disease.
- The most common side effects are pain in the arm where you got the shot, feeling tired, headache, body aches, chills, and fever.
- Stopping a pandemic requires using all the tools we have available—wearing masks, staying at least 6 feet from people who don't live with you, avoiding crowds and poorly ventilated spaces, washing your hands frequently, and getting vaccinated.

If you want to know more about COVID-19 vaccines, visit [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines). If you are presented with COVID-19 related issues of this kind on the job, please contact your BA or this office.

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