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## Message from the Chief Operating Officer

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### Updated COVID-19 guidance

Dear Colleagues,

As the country faces a new phase in the pandemic with surging cases pegged to the Delta variant, all of Fermilab's current COVID-19 safety precautions, including the requirement to wear a mask indoors while on site, remain in place while we wait to receive new guidance from the DOE. Last week we announced the [updated masking requirement for personnel](#) in Batavia and SURF, due to the [substantial or high range COVID-19 transmission rates](#).

During Thursday's [White House briefing](#), President Biden announced that all federal government employees and on-site contractors must attest that they are vaccinated against COVID-19 or participate in regular testing and other health protocols. The intention to keep employees and contractors safe is clear, and we are waiting for final guidance and details regarding implementation.

While we wait for DOE guidance on how vaccine and testing expectations will apply to the national labs, we understand many questions remain open. We will keep you informed as soon as we know more.

For now, if you are not vaccinated, [CDC guidance](#) strongly encourages you to take that step as soon as possible, particularly given the unique qualities of the Delta variant, and upon completion of your vaccine cycle, send proof of vaccination to Fermilab's Occupational Medicine Office ([medical\\_office@fnal.gov](mailto:medical_office@fnal.gov)). The Medical Office can also provide information on where to obtain a vaccination.

As the pandemic continues, we appreciate everyone's continued patience and diligence as we collaborate to keep each other safe.

Thank you for your help and please stay safe,

Kate

