

Beaumont

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Subject: Beaumont, Royal Oak physician leaders support vaccine mandate

Dear colleagues,

We, the undersigned physician leaders of Beaumont, Royal Oak, support Beaumont Health's system-wide mandate for vaccination of all Beaumont health care workers. Each of us chose to be vaccinated as soon as it was available to us. We believe it is a moral imperative to protect our patients and each other. For this reason, the majority of our employed physicians have chosen to be vaccinated.

Beaumont is planning for this mandate to go in effect once the Food & Drug Administration gives full approval to one or more of the current vaccines, which is expected early this fall.

As of today, confirmed coronavirus infections are spiking sharply in parts of the country and rising in Southeast Michigan. The threat of an impending fourth surge of coronavirus infections, hospitalizations and deaths — driven by the more transmissible Delta variant — appears to be a virtual certainty. Despite overwhelming evidence on the safety and efficacy of currently available COVID-19 vaccines, many eligible people still have not been vaccinated, and we know that infections occur almost exclusively among unvaccinated individuals. In fact, the data show that virtually all COVID-19 hospitalizations and deaths are among unvaccinated individuals.

Professional medical organizations, including the CDC, American Medical Association, American College of Physicians and numerous others, support COVID-19 vaccine mandates. Vaccinating all health care workers will help us protect each other, our patients and our families.

We unanimously support Beaumont Health leadership — along with other Michigan health systems — in mandating the COVID-19 vaccination for our employees, physicians, advanced providers, students and volunteers as a condition of employment, volunteer status and medical staff membership. This recommendation is consistent with the moral and ethical principles of our profession. It is supported by our professional societies and does not violate federal laws or regulations. Please feel free to reach out to any of us with questions.

Respectfully,

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