

September 16, 2021

Dear Vendor Partners,

Thank you for your continued support as we work to keep our communities safe and provide uninterrupted care at Samaritan Health Services.

The Governor recently issued a statewide mandate requiring COVID-19 vaccination for health care staff. The administrative rule defines health care staff as “all individuals, paid and unpaid, working, learning, studying, assisting, observing or volunteering in a health care setting”.

In alignment with this mandate, all vendors, suppliers and contracted third parties who enter Samaritan facilities in which patient care is provided, must be in compliance with this rule on or before October 18, 2021. To be in compliance means individuals must be either fully vaccinated or have been granted a religious or medical exception in compliance with federal and state law.

Additionally, due to the increased prevalence of COVID-19 in our communities, Samaritan will be restricting vendors from our facilities unless they are providing essential services such as:

- Procedural support for cases where consultation is required and scheduled.
- Orthotics/DME delivery when ordered.
- Couriers, FedEx, UPS and delivery personnel for supplies, linen, food, etc.
- Medical waste and other required service providers.
- Service (building and equipment) personnel if called or contracted to provide service.

Please adhere to the following guidelines while on any Samaritan Health Services property:

- Mask/wear appropriate PPE.
- Observe physical distancing to prevent the spread of the virus.
- If you are sick or running a temperature, do not enter a Samaritan facility unless you are seeking personal healthcare.
- Follow infection-control guidelines and wash your hands frequently as well as before and after patient care. Avoid touching your face and use hand sanitizer appropriately.
- Vendors are to leave the facility upon completion of procedures, including between cases. Vendors may not wait in physician or staff lounges, waiting rooms, breakrooms, or lobbies between cases.
- All non-essential meetings should be held virtually until further notice.

Thank you for your continued support and for following our protocols.

Sincerely,

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