MODEL LETTER TO HEALTH CARE WORKERS

Dear Colleagues,

[I/We] write to you with great news: as health care workers, you are already eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Getting vaccinated is the pathway back to normal life—spending time with loved ones and celebrating holidays, birthdays, and anniversaries without fear of spreading the virus.

That’s why we strongly urge all health care workers to get the COVID-19 vaccine as soon as it is available. It is a safe, effective way to protect against getting and spreading the virus.

Many of your fellow health care workers have already chosen to get the vaccine. We urge you to join them.

Our recommendation that health care workers get vaccinated is based on our review of the facts from trusted doctors and scientists—including Anthony Fauci, MD. Early testing has shown that the vaccine is safe and effective with minimal, short-lived side effects that are like the flu vaccine. Rigorous scientific research produced these vaccines. No shortcuts were taken.

We understand the concern that many Americans have with our nation’s history of medical discrimination and racism, but we are confident that those issues played no part in the development or distribution of this vaccine. The vaccine was tested on more than 70,000 participants in the US of all races, ethnicities, and ages.

We know you may have questions, and we are ready and willing to provide information. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has shared answers to common questions online at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/faq.html>. If you have additional questions, please send them to [insert hospital contact email].

Please join your fellow health care workers who have already gotten the vaccine. Get vaccinated for your own safety, but also for the safety of your family, community, and patients. We have the power to help end this pandemic, but we can only do it together.

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