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MEMORANDUM FOR NASA GRANT AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: Procedures for Entering NASA Facilities During the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic

Consistent with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the White House Safer Federal Workforce Task Force, NASA is establishing specific safety protocols for individuals entering NASA facilities based on attestation of their vaccination status, as follows:

As of Monday, August 16, 2021, all grant and cooperative agreement (award) recipients who are working on site at a NASA facility are required to complete a Certification of Vaccination Status to enter the facility. Award recipients are responsible for monitoring and ensuring their employees' compliance with this certification requirement. Those who have not completed a Certification of Vaccination Status will need to provide a negative COVID test upon request (see details provided below).

To submit your certification online, visit the [NASA COVID-19 attestation form](#). This site is managed by NASA's Office of the Chief Health and Medical Officer through a third-party vendor, Cority, and applicable privacy policy information is available when accessing the certification form. This form requires the individual to indicate that they 1) are fully vaccinated, 2) are not yet fully vaccinated, 3) have not been vaccinated, or 4) decline to respond.

Award recipients working on site at a NASA facility who do not complete the certification online will be required to report to the NASA facility badging office to complete and sign the Certification of Vaccination form and will be required to have the certification on their person. Once completed and signed, the award recipient must present the signed certification form to enter the facility. While on the facility, individuals must keep the completed certification form and negative test result (if/when required) on their person, as they may be asked to show the completed certification and evidence of a negative test result (if/when required). Any individual who fails to complete and sign the Certification of Vaccination Status form or fails to provide any required negative COVID-19 test results (if/when required) may be denied entry to the NASA facility.

Based on the vaccination status as indicated on the form, individuals entering the facility will need to abide by the following policies, as applicable:

FOR FULLY VACCINATED AWARD RECIPIENTS: In areas of low or moderate transmission, as defined by CDC, fully vaccinated people generally can safely participate in most activities, indoor or outdoor, without needing to wear a mask or maintain physical distance, and they do not need to undertake regular testing. NASA facilities are carefully monitoring

transmission rates and will have mask policies consistent with local transmission rates and CDC guidance. Regardless of vaccination status, in areas of high or substantial transmission, award recipients must wear a mask inside Federal facilities. The current mask usage requirement status for NASA facilities can be found at <https://nasapeople.nasa.gov/coronavirus/coronavirus.htm>.

FOR AWARD RECIPIENTS WHO ARE NOT YET FULLY VACCINATED, NON-VACCINATED, OR DECLINE TO RESPOND: If the award recipient declines to respond or is not fully vaccinated, they must comply with the following safety protocols while in a Federal facility:

- Wear a mask regardless of the level of community transmission;
- Physically distance;
- Provide proof of having received a negative COVID-19 test result from an FDA-authorized test for COVID that is less than 72 hours old prior to entering the facility; and
 - The requirement for a negative COVID test will start on or about Monday, September 20, 2021. NASA will not provide testing for award recipients. Additional guidance regarding test requirements will be forthcoming.
- Adhere to applicable travel restrictions.

Information about the coronavirus, including preventative best practices and lessons learned, is continuously evolving and being updated accordingly. Award recipients are responsible for ensuring that their employees monitor local news for the most current information. For the latest NASA information, follow communications from the facility and Agency, including at [NASA People](#).

We appreciate your cooperation and continued commitment to safety and the NASA mission.

Please direct any other questions concerning this letter to your Grant Officer.

Sincerely,



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Chief Financial Officer