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The United States Mission to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions and Permanent Observer Offices to the United Nations and wishes to bring to their attention information concerning the eligibility of foreign mission members and their dependents to receive COVID-19 vaccinations in the United States.

As has been widely reported, the supply of COVID-19 vaccines in the United States is currently limited. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) continues to provide recommendations to federal, state, and local governments regarding priorities for vaccine distribution; however, each U.S. state, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territory is responsible for prioritizing distribution of its vaccine allocation. Information regarding such vaccine distribution plans can be found at the following link:

<https://www.cdc.gov/publichealthgateway/healthdirectories/healthdepartments.html>.

It is the federal government's goal for everyone present in the United States, including foreign mission members and their dependents, to have access to get a COVID-19 vaccine. Thus, the Department expects foreign mission members and their dependents to be treated no differently than United States citizens with respect to their eligibility for receiving the COVID-19 vaccine in line with the vaccine distribution plans established in the jurisdiction in which they reside.

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DIPLOMATIC NOTE

It is also permissible for Permanent Missions and Permanent Observer Offices to the UN to import COVID-19 vaccines for distribution to their members and/or officials, and their dependents, serving in the United States. To ensure proper handling and procedures are followed, Permanent Missions and Permanent Observer Offices to the UN are encouraged to discuss such plans with the Department's Office of Foreign Missions prior to the shipment of such supplies.

The United States Mission to the United Nations will continue to keep the UN community apprised of any significant developments related to this matter.

Inquiries concerning this and other matters related to COVID-19 may continue to be transmitted to the USUN Host Country Team via HostCountryOffice@state.gov. Past circular diplomatic notes and notices released by the Office of Foreign Missions related to COVID-19 may be found at <https://www.state.gov/office-of-foreign-missions-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-information-and-resources/>.

The United States Mission to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions and the Permanent Observer Offices to the United Nations the assurances of its the assurances of its highest consideration.

