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The Secretary presents his compliments to their Excellencies and Messieurs and Mesdames the Chiefs of Mission and wishes to bring to their attention information concerning COVID-19 vaccinations in the United States.

COVID-19 vaccines are widely available and regularly accessible throughout the United States. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) continues to provide recommendations to federal, state, and local governments regarding vaccines, while individual U.S. states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories remain responsible for vaccine distribution. Individuals looking to be vaccinated anywhere in the United States can visit [www.vaccines.gov](http://www.vaccines.gov) or text their zip code to 438829 to receive a text with the closest COVID-19 vaccine location.

It continues to be the federal government's goal for everyone present in the United States, including foreign mission members and their dependents, to have access to COVID-19 vaccines. The Department expects foreign mission members and their dependents to be treated no differently than United States citizens with respect to the accessibility of COVID-19 vaccines.

With an increasing number of public health related vaccine mandates, the Department expects foreign mission members to abide by all federal, state, and local

public health regulations including those requiring proof of vaccination before entering buildings or participating in certain designated activities.

The Department will continue to keep the foreign mission 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 by electronic mail to [OFM-EmergencyMGT@state.gov](mailto:OFM-EmergencyMGT@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/>.

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