



Embassy of the United States of America

Kabul, Afghanistan

July 13, 2021

Dear Mr. Derrios,

I have reviewed this post's health and safety policies in light of the recent outbreak of COVID-19 within the mission and in Afghanistan. I have consulted with post's medical providers, the Bureau of Medical Services, and the Department's leadership. In order to maintain the health and safety of individuals working within the mission, as Chief of Mission I direct that all companies contracted by the Department of State and their subcontractors ensure their personnel supporting the diplomatic mission in Afghanistan are fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

To allow for an orderly implementation of this directive, all companies are required to ensure their personnel are fully vaccinated, as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, within 45 days of this directive. All contractor personnel preparing for travel to Afghanistan shall be fully vaccinated prior to receiving approval to travel to Afghanistan.

Companies must provide reasonable accommodations for disability and religion consistent with EEOC guidance found at <https://www.eeoc.gov/newsroom/eeoc-issues-updated-covid-19-technical-assistance>.

Please take whatever action is necessary and consistent with FAR 52.225-19 to ensure compliance on the part of companies with this Chief of Mission directive.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'RW'.

Ross L. Wilson
Chargé d'Affaires