



EMBASSY OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
BAGHDAD, IRAQ

AMBASSADOR

July 15, 2021

Dear Mr. Derrios,

I have reviewed Mission Iraq's health and safety policies in light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. I have consulted with the Mission'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 the 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 Iraq 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 Iraq shall be fully vaccinated prior to receiving approval to travel to Iraq.

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 black ink, appearing to read "Matthew H. Tueller".

Matthew H. Tueller