August 13, 2021

Good day,

Today, the Government of Canada made an important announcement of its intent to require all federal public service employees to be vaccinated, and to require employees in the federally regulated air, rail, and marine transportation sectors to be vaccinated. The vaccination requirement will also extend to certain travellers. This includes all commercial air travellers, passengers on interprovincial trains, and passengers on large marine vessels with overnight accommodations, such as cruise ships.

The Government of Canada also announced that it expects that Crown Corporations and other employers in the federally regulated sector will also require vaccination for their employees, to ensure safety in the workplace, and support the safe restart of the economy.

The Government's announcement can be found here: https://www.canada.ca/en/treasury-board-secretariat/news/2021/08/government-of-canada-to-require-vaccination-of-federal-workforce-and-federally-regulated-transportation-sector.html

As the country's largest employer, the Government of Canada is committed to playing a leadership role by further protecting the health and safety of public servants and the communities where they live and work across Canada and around the world.

In support of that call to action, the Government is expecting employers to develop plans to ensure that employees are protected by a vaccination policy, in order to keep them, their workplaces and Canadians safe.

I look forward to engaging with you in the coming days, and look forward to your views on how these plans will work in your sectors. To this end, a call has been scheduled this afternoon. Please contact tara.obyrne@tc.gc.ca if you did not receive the invitation and would like to participate.

Thank you,

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