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As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, the Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio (HCNO) and its members are committed to ensuring the safety of everyone in northwest Ohio's hospitals. Our collective commitment includes complying with the recently issued federal mandate that healthcare workers be vaccinated for COVID-19 by early January. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services vaccination mandate is intended to prevent the spread of the coronavirus and protect public health in northwest Ohio and beyond.

Northwest Ohio's healthcare providers are in the process of distributing information outlining when employees, vendors and volunteers must become vaccinated unless they qualify for an exemption under each hospital/system's policy. Compliance with the CMS mandate is expected to include varying approaches by HCNO members as they work to ensure high-quality care in the communities they serve.

Sincerely,

W. Scott Fry, President and CEO  
Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio