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### **COVID Prevention in the EMS Workplace**

Background: Vaccination is a powerful therapy that prevents COVID infection and transmission. New guidelines from CDC and Labor and Industries incorporate this updated understanding. The requirements for vaccinated employees have changed consistent with the directive from [Washington State Labor and Industries](#).

In summary:

1. Fully vaccinated employees do not need to mask or social distance while in the station. They should continue to mask and use appropriate preventative measures when responding to the public or outside the station.
2. Employers must confirm and document positive vaccination status. This documentation must be available to Labor and Industries upon request.
3. Employees not vaccinated must continue to wear masks and social distance while in the station and elsewhere.

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