



**Newport News
Shipbuilding**

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Trusted Shipbuilding Partners,

Newport News Shipbuilding (NNS) notified you last month of the COVID-19 vaccine mandate issued by the federal government. We have sought clarification from our government customer about how our many contracts would need to be modified to reflect this new requirement. Our customer has recently confirmed that it does not currently plan to modify our existing contracts to include a requirement to implement the mandate.

Accordingly, we do not expect to receive a requirement to flow down the mandate to our suppliers in the near future. To the extent this status changes, we will advise you promptly.

At this time, NNS is suspending the vaccination deadline for any supplier entering or performing work in the shipyard. Regardless, NNS continues to strongly urge vaccination of all individuals that come into our facilities. NNS may choose to implement other measures aimed at protecting the health and safety of our workforce and facilities.

We appreciate your support as we keep our workforce, families, and facilities safe. We will continue to provide updates as needed.

Thank you for your continued partnership.

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