

Statement Supporting Mandated COVID-19 Vaccination in Healthcare Workers

We are physician leaders and chief medical officers working in healthcare organizations throughout Hawai'i.

We are in strong support of Hawai'i joining the ranks of a growing number of organizations that have mandated COVID-19 vaccination in healthcare workers. With almost 4 billion vaccine doses administered world-wide-- over 1.75 million in the state of Hawaii—we trust that the vaccines are safe and provide effective protection against COVID-19 disease.

We have witnessed and experienced the moral distress COVID-19 has inflicted. We have witnessed the fear, the pain, agony, and regret as our patients suffer and die from COVID- 19. With the unrelenting resurgence of viral transmission, we feel it imperative to speak up and lead the movement to safeguard our patients, our families, our colleagues, our communities.

We are charged to protect our patients and colleagues from what is now a preventable disease. They deserve to know we are protecting them as best as we can when they enter our healthcare facilities.

We take this stand as a matter of safety and ethical responsibility.

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