

## Biden's Federal Vaccine Mandate Doesn't Really Apply to Everyone: Members of Congress, Staff, Postal Workers Are Exempt

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Joe Biden issued a mandate for businesses with 100 or more employees to require all staff to either take a COVID-19 vaccine or be subjected to weekly testing, lest the company be fined \$14,000 for each violation.

This, after Biden as 'president-elect' vowed he did not have the authority to issue any vaccine mandates on private businesses and individuals.

At the same time, King Biden said that *all federal employees* and federal contractors would also have to get the jab, but it turns out he lied about that, too, and at the same time gave every business he commanded a legal out, as if they needed one, given that Biden's order is unconstitutional on its face.

Turns out that members of Congress and their staffs are exempt, along with about a quarter of the overall federal workforce, <u>The Epoch Times reported</u>:

...President Joe Biden unveiled two executive orders that could mandate vaccinations for the CCP (Chinese Communist Party) virus for millions of working Americans in both the public and private spheres. But absent from these mandates are similar requirements for members of Congress, federal judges, or their staffers.

Biden's executive orders would unilaterally require vaccination for federal employees, the military, and government contractors. The president also asked Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to require that firms with over 100 employees either mandate vaccination or weekly CCP virus tests. In total, these mandates could affect over 100 million American workers, making it one of the widest-reaching vaccine mandates in world history.

"It is the policy of my Administration to halt the spread of coronavirus disease 2019

(COVID-19), including the B.1.617.2 (Delta) variant, by relying on the best available data and science-based public health measures," Biden wrote in his order.

"The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) within the Department of Health and Human Services has determined that the best way to slow the spread of COVID-19 and to prevent infection by the Delta variant or other variants is to be vaccinated," the order continued.

When he addressed the nation, Biden indicated that in addition to private industry, federal employees would be mandated as well.

"I will sign an executive order that will now require all executive branch federal employees to be vaccinated — all. And I've signed another executive order that will require federal contractors to do the same," Biden said. "If you want to work with the federal government and do business with us, get vaccinated. If you want to do business with the federal government, vaccinate your workforce."

However, as The Epoch Times noted, "not included in the executive orders are mandates for members of federal employees in the legislative or judicial branches, including members of Congress, their staffers, as well as federal judges and other court employees."

But reports last week said that U.S. Postal Service workers are going to be exempted. The Washington Post reported that the union representing the 644,000 USPS workers had carved out a deal where they would not be required to get the jab, though the New York Post says the White House has issued a "clarification" stating otherwise.

"The White House issued a clarification late Thursday after the Washington Post, citing an official, reported USPS workers were not required to get the shot and were only being 'strongly encouraged' to do so," The Post reported.

"USPS is not included in the executive order requiring vaccination of Federal employees. USPS has a separate statutory scheme and is traditionally independent of federal personnel actions like this," said an administration official.

The administration saying that the USPS is not actually exempt is meaningless; the Washington Post wouldn't get something like this wrong about a Democrat regime. But beyond that, it makes perfect sense that our elites are 'exempt' from the mandate they impose on us.

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