

**DATE:** April 21, 2023

**TO:** MSD Contractors, Consultant, Suppliers and Vendors

**FROM:** Rene' Lindsay

**SUBJECT:** Mandatory Vaccination/Covid Testing Procedures Update

On April 10, 2023, President, Joe Biden lifted the Federal Public Health Emergency due to COVID-19. Effective May 15, 2023, MSD will no longer require weekly testing under the Mandatory Vaccination/COVID-19 Testing Procedures. We chose May 15 because the Derby will bring people from all over the world to our city and many people will enjoy Derby Festival Events and Derby parties, increasing the risk of exposure. We will modify these Procedures to reflect this change. However, the Mandatory Vaccination and Testing Policy, adopted by the MSD Board on November 15, 2021, remains in effect since it is not specific to COVID-19.

## What this means

Contractors, vendors, suppliers, consultants, and their employees, including any subcontractors, will no longer have to submit weekly COVID-19 test results for their unvaccinated employees after May 15, 2023.

Contractor employees who test positive for COVID-19 will be required to not enter MSD facilities for the time period recommended by the CDC/Kentucky Public Health. Contractor employees are also encouraged to not enter MSD facilities if they have COVID symptoms, especially if they have a fever.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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