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RE: Vaccination Requirements for Organ Recovery Teams

Dear OPO and Transplant Colleagues,

In response to recent mandates from our donor hospitals and to best serve those receiving transplants, effective October 1, 2021, LifeGift and Southwest Transplant Alliance (STA) will require that all team members recovering organs within LifeGift and STA's Donor Service Area (DSA) be fully vaccinated against the SARS-CoV-2 virus. Fully vaccinated is defined as having received two shots of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, or one dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. This mandate applies to all transplant programs and OPO partners recovering organs from STA and LifeGift's DSA's in Texas.

All transplant and OPO staff reporting onsite to facilitate an organ recovery at a hospital or at Southwest Transplant Alliance's organ recovery center, The Legacy Center, must comply with this requirement. This includes but is not limited to transplant surgeons, fellows, medical students, perfusionists, OPO staff, and any other team member onsite during the recovery process.

Please be prepared to show vaccine records upon request when entering a donor hospital or STA's Legacy Center.

Signed,

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Signed,

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