

# Biden Expected to Announce Vaccine Mandates for All Federal Employees, DOJ Declares Mandates Legal

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*White House officials said Tuesday Biden is considering requiring all civilian federal employees to be vaccinated or be forced to submit to regular testing, social distancing, mask requirements and restrictions on most travel.*

After Justice Department officials on Monday [said](#) federal law doesn't prohibit mandating COVID vaccines, President Biden on Tuesday [signaled](#) he may require all federal employees to get the vaccine, or undergo repeated testing for the virus.

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[According to The New York Times](#), the White House will reveal more about the president's plans later this week — possibly in a speech Biden is scheduled to deliver Thursday about “the next steps in our effort to get more Americans vaccinated.”

Asked by a reporter on Tuesday whether he would require vaccinations for the nation's [nearly 2 million federal](#) workers, Biden was “blunt,” the Times reported.

“That's under consideration right now,” Biden said. “But if you're not vaccinated, you're not nearly as smart as I thought you were.”

The latest news on [mandates](#) represents an about face by Biden, who as recently as last month [said](#) federal employees would not be required to get the vaccine.

It also follows just days after the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) issued an [online statement](#) concluding that federal law [doesn't prohibit](#) public agencies and private businesses from requiring [COVID](#) vaccines — even though the vaccines have so far only received [Emergency Use Authorization](#) (EUA) — not full licensing — from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Ahead of the DOJ opinion, the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs [last week said](#) it would require its frontline healthcare workers to get the COVID vaccine.

[Children's Health Defense](#) (CHD) is still analyzing the DOJ memo, but Ray Flores, a California attorney working with CHD on the analysis, made some initial observations.

"Although the DOJ memo is a thorough introduction to EUA law, it arrives at the wrong conclusion," Flores told [The Defender](#).

Flores said this isn't the first time the DOJ's Office of Legal Counsel (OLC) has got something wrong.

Flores said:

"The OLC previously condoned torture of detainees at Abu Ghraib, even after graphic details on the treatment of detainees were leaked to the press. Those memoranda were criticized for international norms. This memo brazenly ignores the [Nuremberg Code's](#) law on human experimentation."

Flores also pointed out that the DOJ memo mischaracterizes of [Doe v. Rumsfeld, 341 F. Supp. 2d 1, 19 \(2004\)](#), the precedent-setting case in which the court rejected punishments such as solitary confinement or dishonorable discharge as lawful consequences of refusal of the EUA [anthrax vaccine](#) — even though the U.S. Department of Defense had imposed such harsh sanctions.

"The court ruled in that case that coercion eviscerating informed consent violates federal law," Flores said.

Tucker Carlson lambastes feds on vaccine mandates, masks

On [Tuesday's episode](#) of "Tucker Carlson Tonight," Fox News commentator Tucker Carlson pounced on the latest news about COVID vaccine mandates.

Carlson said:

"That is not a small development. The federal government is the largest workforce in the world ... so an awful lot of lives will be affected by this policy."

Claiming that we've long ago left the realm of health, Carlson said the mandates are about politics and "social control."

Carlson said:

"Government should never require people to submit to any medical procedure whether that procedure is sterilization or frontal lobotomies or COVID vaccinations. Most Americans still believe that, that is a foundational belief in this country, every poll shows it. The majority in both parties believe that."

Carlson also addressed the [announcement](#) Tuesday by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advising fully vaccinated Americans in areas with high COVID cases to wear masks indoors.

"Americans were promised that if they took the vaccines, they could have their lives

back," Carlson said. "So by the millions they did that. Now, they have learned in the clearest possible way that they were lied to."

The bottom line, Carlson said: "Americans should never be forced to take medicine they don't want."

Watch Tucker Carlson [here](#).

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