

# President Elect Joe Biden Confirmed in December 2020: “COVID Vaccination in US Will Not be Mandatory”

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*President-elect Joe Biden says Americans **won’t be forced to take a coronavirus vaccine when one becomes available in the US**.*

Speaking in Wilmington, Delaware, **the US president-elect said it would not be necessary to make a coronavirus vaccine mandatory**.

“I will do everything in my power as president to encourage people to do the right thing and when they do it, demonstrate that it matters,” he said.

The Pew Research Center says just 60% of Americans are currently prepared to take a coronavirus vaccine, up from 51% who said the same in September.

On Thursday Mr Biden told CNN he would be happy to take a vaccine in public to allay potential concerns about its safety. Three former presidents – Barack Obama, George W Bush and Bill Clinton – have said they are also prepared to be inoculated publicly.

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