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Critical Infrastructure Worker Certification

ISSUED TO:

Essential Critical Infrastructure Worker

COVID-19 VACCINE REGISTRATION and COVID-19 RESTRICTED AREA ACCESS

To Law Enforcement, Public Health Officials, Government Officials and Whomever It May Concern:

The rapid spread of COVID-19 in the United States since January 2020 has necessitated a range of actions by federal, state, local and tribal authorities to contain the virus and mitigate its effects.

- In March 2020, the U.S. government declared a national emergency to support containment and mitigation of COVID-19 and address the significant public health and national and economic security implications. This declaration engages the full authorities and resources of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for emergency preparedness and response.
- Among the measures that state, local and tribal authorities may implement to contain the spread of COVID-19 is the establishment of curfews, "shelter-in-place" orders, "containment areas," "quarantine zones," or other forms of restrictions on access, activities and businesses.
- Localities have also established a phased approach to distributing the COVID-19 vaccine. Some localities may include essential critical infrastructure workers in earlier phases of distribution than the general public.

On matters relating to national critical infrastructure protection and resilience, Airlines for America, as manager of the Aviation Sector Coordinating Council established pursuant to the National Infrastructure Protection Plan, works in partnership with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and its components, including FEMA, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) and the Transportation Security Administration, as well as the Department of Transportation and Federal Aviation Administration, on preparedness for timely and effective protective and crisis response measures.

Per DHS, the Aviation Transportation Sector has been classified as Critical Infrastructure under 42 U.S.C. § 5195c(e). **American Airlines** provides critical air transportation services of the Aviation Transportation Sector, including moving passengers, commodities and goods necessary for the safety, security and well-being of individuals around the world.

The above-named individual should be considered a DHS-CISA_Essential Critical Infrastructure Worker.

As it pertains to restrictions on access, activities and businesses: This individual must be allowed priority access and right-of-passage to our airline and airport facilities and other company properties to ensure the safe and secure operations of our airline per Presidential Policy Directive 21 (PPD-21) on Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience.

As it pertains to vaccine eligibility: When their local government considers them eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine, this individual should be permitted to register for and receive the vaccine. Team members should be aware that this letter does **not** qualify them for vaccine eligibility until their state and local health departments or regulators have classified their job function as eligible. Team members should confirm that local government restrictions specifically outline their job function or classification is eligible for vaccine registration before considering this letter usable for vaccine purposes.

This correspondence is valid through July 1, 2021.

Respectfully,

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