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COVID Notes: I Got the Vaccine Instead of Being Fired; New Health Care Legislation?

Last week, one of my patients, who I never thought would get the vaccine got it. I asked why she changed her mind. “Her non-health care employer said get the vaccine or be fired.” The mandate will not work for all. But there is testing. Vaccines save lives. I always tell my patients: the vaccine is new, but it has been tested extensively. One always needs to ask the question – compared to what; the most [recent CDC data](#) is clear. The critical part of the [Biden plan](#) is to ramp up vaccinations through an employer vaccine mandate that also includes appropriate use of masks . But we still need leaders with common sense as the Sturgis motorcycle rally was yet again another super spreader event. The [conclusions](#): Ensure you have a highly vaccinated population. Verify people’s vaccination status. Require rapid and frequent testing, especially for the unvaccinated. Improve indoor air quality and use masking intermittently when needed. Without this our economy will deteriorate again as we will not have enough workers to, for example, [harvest our crops](#); [our democracy will be severely threatened](#). Republican opposition to COVID vaccine [could spread to other vaccines](#). [No other country](#) in the world is confronting this level of chaos. Dylan Scott of Vox: More than 97 percent of Portuguese children are vaccinated against the measles these days...But in the US, the share is lower, [closer to 90 percent](#). These articles give additional [behavioral guideposts](#) ; second is more [detailed](#).

Over the next few weeks, in addition, to promulgating the executive order on vaccine mandates, the country will decide, via a massive reconciliation bill, which [substantial changes in American government](#) will pass into law – with no Republican support. There are critical health care proposals AND is working on including most importantly allowing, the Federal government to negotiate prices with pharmaceutical companies. Such a “[package](#) could plug some of Medicare's biggest coverage holes while reducing what patients pay for prescription drugs — policies that are popular across party lines.” The [House](#) and White House have come up with their own drug pricing proposals and there are others [all of which negotiators are hashing out](#). Pharma is [unalterably opposed](#). Bottom line, however, with your help AND is already setting up meetings with members of Congress. Please contact me if you know any health professional in one of the following Congressional districts and/or Senators: HOUSE Gottheimer NJ5; Bourdreaux GA7; Vela TX34 ; Golden ME2; Cuellar TX 28; Gonzalez TX 15; Costa CA 16; Schrader OR 5; Peters CA 52; Rice NY 4; Murphy FL 7; Correa CA 46; Strickland WA 10; Mrvan IN 1’ Cardenas CA 29; Slotkin MI 8; Spanberger VA 7; Sherrill NJ 11 SENATE: Manchin

(WV), Sinema (AZ), Menendez (NJ), Coons (DE), and Carper (DE); Senator Cortez-Masto (D-NV);
Senator Kelly (D-AZ)