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## Memorandum

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**Date:** June 29, 2021

**To:** Vendor Community

**From:** Nicolette N. Bateson, CPA, Chief Financial Officer & Treasurer

**CC:** Sonya Collins, Procurement Director

**RE:** **Coronavirus Update #130: Visitor COVID-19 Access Requirements to Remain in Effect Until September 1, 2021**

**Background:** On March 5, 2021, GLWA released [Coronavirus Update #105](#) to the vendor community. This Coronavirus Update provided an in-depth overview of GLWA's Visitor COVID-19 Access Requirements that went into effect on April 5, 2021.

On March 29, 2021, GLWA released an additional memorandum to the vendor community, [Coronavirus Update #112](#), which outlined two amendments to the requirements for Visitors requesting or maintaining Badged Access GLWA facilities and project worksites;

1. GLWA's COVID-19 testing cycle for Badged Access Visitors would begin on July 1, 2021. Periodic COVID-19 testing after July 1 may be required on a quarterly basis on the same cadence as GLWA Team Members;
2. Based on the guidance of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), GLWA would waive the COVID-19 testing requirement for all Badged Access Visitors who provide documentation that they have received a full COVID-19 vaccine.

**New Information:** On June 22, 2021, the [Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration \(MIOSHA\)](#) filed COVID-19 emergency rules to align with the [Federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration's \(OSHA\) updated COVID-19 workplace guidelines for non-healthcare employers](#). The new OSHA/MIOSHA regulations allow non-healthcare employers to use their best judgement in determining whether to maintain daily health screenings, face coverings, and social distancing requirements. However, upon the continued guidance of the CDC, these new regulations also strongly recommend that employers focus workplace COVID-19 safety protocols on unvaccinated and otherwise at-risk workers who may not be able to safely receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

As an essential service provider of water and wastewater treatment services for communities across southeast Michigan, GLWA will follow the guidance recommended by the new OSHA/MIOSHA guidelines. **As such, GLWA's current Visitor COVID-19 Access Requirements and Safety Protocols as outlined in Coronavirus Update #105 and #112**

**will remain in effect until September 1, 2021.** After September 1, GLWA will reevaluate based on any new guidance that may be issued by OSHA/MIOSHA and the CDC. During this time, GLWA will also continue to strongly encourage COVID-19 vaccination for all who may safely receive it but will not be mandating COVID-19 vaccination.

Please carefully review the Visitor COVID-19 Access Requirements and Mandatory COVID-19 Safety Protocols outlined below for each level of requested access to GLWA facilities or project worksites. **These requirements and protocols will remain in effect until 9/1/21.**

#### **BADGED ACCESS VISITORS:**

- Must continue to complete the electronic [Visitor COVID-19 Questionnaire with COVID-19 Testing/Vaccination Requirements](#) each day on-site services are provided at a GLWA facility or project worksite;
- Must submit documentation (with their daily Visitor COVID-19 Questionnaire) of one of the following by July 1, 2021:
  - A negative COVID-19 test result dated between 3/1/2021 and 7/1/2021;
  - A full COVID-19 vaccination, including the appropriate number of dosages and the 14-day wait period recommended by the CDC for the vaccine to take full effect;
  - ***Please note that COVID-19 testing or vaccine documentation need only be submitted one time. Once approved, documentation does not need to be submitted with every submittal of the Visitor COVID-19 Questionnaire.***
- Must adhere to GLWA's COVID-19 Safety Protocols outlined in [Coronavirus Update #105](#) when on-site at GLWA facilities or project worksites, including always wearing face masks, social distancing, and regular handwashing.
- Badged Access Visitors electing to submit a COVID-19 test result in lieu of COVID-19 vaccination may be required to submit additional testing documentation on a quarterly basis in accordance with the requirements for GLWA team members.

***Please Note:*** Waiving the COVID-19 test requirement for vaccinated visitors is a second option to enhance compliance with GLWA's Visitor COVID-19 access requirements and safety protocols. Submission of either a visitor's completed vaccine documentation or a negative COVID-19 test result remains mandatory. Non-compliance with these measures will result in a Badged Access Visitor's denial of access to GLWA facilities or project worksites and may be considered a breach of the vendor's contract.

#### **NON-BADGED ACCESS VISITORS:**

- Must continue to complete the electronic [Visitor COVID-19 Questionnaire with COVID-19 Testing/Vaccination Requirements](#) each day on-site services are provided at GLWA facility or project worksite;
- No current requirements for providing COVID-19 testing or vaccine documentation;
- Must adhere to GLWA's COVID-19 Safety Protocols (outlined in [Coronavirus Update #105](#)) when providing on-site services at GLWA facilities or project worksites, including always wearing face masks, social distancing, and regular handwashing.

**DELIVERY DRIVERS:**

- Must continue to complete the electronic [Visitor COVID-19 Questionnaire with COVID-19 Testing/Vaccination Requirements](#) each day on-site services are provided at GLWA facility or project worksite;
- No current requirements for providing COVID-19 testing or vaccine documentation;
- Must adhere to GLWA's COVID-19 Safety Protocols (outlined in [Coronavirus Update #105](#)) when providing on-site services at GLWA facilities or project worksites, including always wearing face masks, social distancing, and regular handwashing.

We appreciate our vendor community's cooperation with GLWA's Visitor COVID-19 Access Requirements and Safety Protocols as we strive to maintain the health and safety of our workplace. Any additional questions regarding these matters should be directed to Michael Lasley ([Michael.Lasley@glwater.org](mailto:Michael.Lasley@glwater.org)) and Megan Torti ([Megan.Torti@glwater.org](mailto:Megan.Torti@glwater.org)).