Memorandum

Date: August 24, 2021

To: Vendor Community

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

CC: Sonya Collins, Procurement Director

RE: Coronavirus Update #137: Visitor COVID-19 Access Requirements to Remain in Effect Until Further Notice

Background: On June 29, 2021, GLWA released Coronavirus Update #130 to the vendor community. This Coronavirus Update stated that the Visitor COVID-19 Access Requirements and Safety Protocols outlined in Coronavirus Update #105 and Coronavirus Update #112 would remain in effect until September 1, 2021. Coronavirus Update #130 also stated that GLWA would reevaluate the extension of these Visitor Access Requirements and Safety Protocols in advance of September 1, based on the evolving COVID-19 pandemic.

New Information: Given the new COVID-19 surges throughout the country driven by the highly-transmissible Delta variant, GLWA will continue to follow the COVID-19 emergency rules issued by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA). These regulations strongly recommend, upon the continued guidance of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 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 such, GLWA’s Visitor COVID-19 Access Requirements and Safety Protocols will remain in effect until further notice, GLWA will continue to evaluate the COVID-19 pandemic situation and any new guidelines that may be issued by the CDC or OSHA/MIOSHA. In addition, GLWA will continue to encourage COVID-19 vaccination for all who may safely receive, it but will not be mandating COVID-19 vaccination.

In addition, given the continued stability of the CDC’s outdoor mask guidance, GLWA is making a change to its coronavirus safety protocol on outdoor mask wearing. Effective immediately, vendors or contractors who work outdoors and can maintain an appropriate social distance from others will no longer be required to wear a mask while outdoors. Please note, however, that this does not change GLWA’s COVID-19 safety guidance.
protocol on indoor mask wearing; vendors or contractors are still required to wear a mask when they are inside any GLWA facilities or when they are outdoors at GLWA facilities but are unable to practice social distancing.

Please 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 further notice.*

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 upload (with Visitor COVID-19 Questionnaire) documentation of *either* a negative COVID-19 test result *or* full COVID-19 vaccination by October 1, 2021:
  - 1) If providing documentation of a negative COVID-19 test:
    - COVID-19 testing documentation only needs to be uploaded with the Visitor COVID-19 Questionnaire *once*.
    - If a visitor has not provided onsite services at a GLWA facility or project worksite for 30 days or more, then a new, negative COVID-19 test that is no more than 30 days old must be uploaded with the Visitor COVID-19 Questionnaire prior to return.
  - 2) If providing documentation of a full COVID-19 vaccination:
    - COVID-19 vaccine documentation only needs to be uploaded with the Visitor COVID-19 Questionnaire *once*.
    - COVID-19 vaccine documentation must display the appropriate number of dosages and visitors must wait the 14-day wait period recommended by the CDC for the vaccine to take full effect.
- Must adhere to GLWA’s COVID-19 Safety Protocols when on-site at GLWA facilities or project worksites, including social distancing, wearing face masks when inside GLWA facilities or outdoors at a GLWA worksite when social distancing is not possible, 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 when on-site at GLWA facilities or project worksites, including social distancing, wearing face masks when inside GLWA facilities or outdoors at a GLWA worksite when social distancing is not possible, 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 when on-site at GLWA facilities or project worksites, including social distancing, wearing face masks when inside GLWA facilities or outdoors at a GLWA worksite when social distancing is not possible, 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) and Megan Torti (Megan.Torti@glwater.org).