

A message from the Chairman:

The health and safety of our staff and visitors is a top priority. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends using [county COVID-19 community levels](#) to help determine which COVID-19 prevention measures should be utilized and when. Please check the COVID-19 community levels in the District of Columbia [here](#) before visiting the STB.

In accordance with CDC and other Federal guidance, including the [Safer Federal Workforce Task Force](#), which was established by Executive Order 13991, (Jan. 20, 2021), to provide federal agency heads ongoing guidance to keep federal employees safe and federal agencies operating during the COVID-19 pandemic, I have determined that, when the COVID-19 community level is Medium or High in the District of Columbia, visitors should complete a Certification of Vaccination form when entering the STB facility. I have approved use by the STB of the Certification of Vaccination form, which was prepared by OMB. Visitors may be asked to show the form upon entering the agency; however, the form will not be recorded or collected. I have further determined that persons who are not fully vaccinated or who decline to answer must also be prepared to produce, in addition to the Certificate of Vaccination, a proof of a negative COVID-19 test result dated within the previous three days. Consistent with Safer Federal Workforce Task Force [guidance](#), acceptable tests are those that are authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to detect current infection and produce a dated result.

Current Safer Federal Workforce Task Force [Guidance on Masking](#)

Federal agency masking and screening testing protocols based on COVID-19 Community Levels	
When the COVID-19 Community Level is LOW in the county where a Federal facility is located	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mask-Wearing: Agencies do not need to require individuals to wear masks in that Federal facility, regardless of vaccination status.• Screening Testing: Agencies do not need to utilize their screening testing program in that Federal facility.
When the COVID-19 Community Level is MEDIUM in the county where a Federal facility is located	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mask-Wearing: Agencies do not need to require individuals to wear masks in that Federal facility, regardless of vaccination status.• Screening Testing: Agencies should utilize their screening testing programs in that Federal facility, consistent with the protocols the agency has established for screening testing that align with guidance from the Safer Federal Workforce Task Force.
When the COVID-19 Community Level is HIGH in the county where a Federal facility is located	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mask-Wearing: Agencies should require individuals to wear masks in that Federal facility, regardless of vaccination status and consistent with CDC and Task Force guidance on mask-wearing.• Screening Testing: Agencies should utilize their screening testing program in that Federal facility, consistent with the protocols the agency has established for screening testing that align with guidance from the Safer Federal Workforce Task Force.

As a reminder, regardless of vaccination status, please monitor yourself for any of the symptoms associated with COVID-19 before attending the meeting, and please do not enter the STB facility if you have any COVID-19 symptoms.

Please contact Rachel Campbell at 202-245-0357 if you have any additional questions.

Additional Resources:

CDC COVID-19 Data Tracker

<https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#datatracker-home>

CDC COVID-19 Community Levels Information

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/science/community-levels.html>

CDC COVID-19 Symptoms Self-Checker

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

Safer Federal Workforce Task Force General Guidance

<https://www.saferfederalworkforce.gov/>