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TO: U.S. Department of Education Contractors

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SUBJECT: Revocation of Executive Order 14042, Ensuring Adequate COVID Safety  
Protocols for Federal Contractors

On May 9, 2023, President Biden issued [Executive Order on Moving Beyond COVID-19 Vaccination Requirements for Federal Workers](#), revoking Executive Order (EO) 14042, Ensuring Adequate COVID Safety Protocols for Federal Contractors. EO 14042 required certain parties contracting with the Federal Government to provide COVID-19 safeguards to their workers. As a result of EO 14042, your contract may have included FAR clause 52.223-99 (Ensuring Adequate COVID-19 Safety Protocols for Federal Contractors). Please be advised that this clause is not enforceable and is self-deleting, effective May 12, 2023.

Although the requirements of EO 14042 have been rescinded, [EO 13991 \(Protecting the Federal Workforce and Requiring Mask-Wearing\)](#) currently remains in effect and the federal agency workplace safety protocols for federal buildings and federally-controlled facilities still apply. Contractor employees working onsite at Department of Education facilities must still follow federal agency workplace safety protocols. For additional information on those protocols, go to <https://www.saferfederalworkforce.gov/>.

Thank you to all of the contractor employees who continued to provide mission support throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

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