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| **Template Letter for Vaccination of****Equipment Industry Essential Workers (January, 2021)** States and localities are in the process of distributing COVID-19 vaccines. Stages or phases for vaccine eligibility are based on varying factors, including age, medical history, the occupation of the individual and other considerations. Many jurisdictions are giving priority to individuals that are considered “essential workers,” often referencing [the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)](https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/ECIW_4.0_Guidance_on_Essential_Critical_Infrastructure_Workers_Final3_508_0.pdf). Please note that these guidelines are advisory to states and localities, not mandatory. While some states may specifically reference CISA’s guidance, others are likely to make their own determinations. You should review these guidelines and similar requirements as states make determinations on vaccine disbursements. According to the [CISA guidance](https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/ECIW_4.0_Guidance_on_Essential_Critical_Infrastructure_Workers_Final3_508_0.pdf), equipment dealers likely fit into more than one category, including:* *Workers who support the construction, maintenance, or rehabilitation of critical infrastructure.*
* *Workers who support the operation, inspection, and maintenance of essential public works facilities and operations, including bridges, water and sewer main breaks, fleet maintenance personnel, construction of critical or strategic infrastructure, traffic signal maintenance, emergency location services for buried utilities, maintenance of digital systems infrastructure supporting public works operations, and other emergent issues.*
* *Workers engaged in the manufacture and maintenance of equipment and other infrastructure necessary for agricultural production and distribution*
* *Workers responsible for infrastructure construction and restoration, including but not limited to engineers, technicians, and contractors for construction and engineering of fiber optic cables, buried conduit, small cells, other wireless facilities, and other communications sector-related infrastructure.*
* *Workers necessary for mining and production of critical minerals, materials and associated essential supply chains, and workers engaged in the manufacture and maintenance of equipment and other infrastructure necessary for mining production and distribution.*
* *Workers supporting or enabling transportation and logistics functions, including truck drivers, bus drivers, dispatchers, maintenance and repair technicians, warehouse workers, third party logisticians, truck stop and rest area workers, driver training and education centers, Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) workers, enrollment agents for federal transportation worker vetting programs, towing and recovery services, roadside assistance workers, intermodal transportation personnel, and workers that construct, maintain, rehabilitate, and inspect infrastructure, including those that require cross-jurisdiction travel.*
* *Workers involved in the manufacturing and distribution of equipment, supplies, and parts necessary to maintain production, maintenance, restoration, and service at energy sector facilities across all energy sector segments.*
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