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CHAMBER INVITES BUSINESS COMMUNITY TO TAKE ‘TIME TO VACCINATE’ PLEDGE

Time To Vaccinate campaign asks businesses to grant time and flexibility to employees getting COVID vaccine

SAN DIEGO (August 3, 2021) – Employers have been a trusted voice throughout the pandemic, which is why the San Diego Regional Chamber is inviting members and local businesses to help keep San Diego open and safe by pledging to the [Time To Vaccinate](#) campaign.

Time To Vaccinate is a San Diego employer-focused campaign that offers resources and information that employers can utilize to encourage their workforce to get vaccinated.

"The best way to protect ourselves and our community— and to keep business open— is by getting vaccinated. Time To Vaccinate sponsors and supporters have shown true commitment to our region by ensuring their employees have the time and resources to get vaccinated," **said Jerry Sanders, Chamber President, and CEO.** "I encourage all San Diego businesses to join them in taking the pledge. This is a great way for businesses to show they are willing to do their part to help end the pandemic and keep San Diego open."

The program offers a host of resources employers can use to design a program that fits their needs. Whether providing set time off for vaccines or incentives and rewards, there are a variety of ways companies can get involved. The program also offers helpful educational tools on what to expect after vaccination and legal considerations.

“Getting the vaccine is the single greatest protection against the COVID-19 Delta Variant,” **said Nathan Fletcher, Chair of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors.** “Many employers throughout San Diego County recognize the health of their employees and customers is vital to keeping our economy strong. I am pleased so many businesses are prioritizing employee vaccinations by taking part in the San Diego Regional Chamber’s Time to Vaccinate initiative. If you own a business and have yet to make the commitment, do it today.”

Time To Vaccinate has earned early support from a variety of businesses and organizations including the San Diego Padres, Starbucks, San Diego Tourism Authority, NAIOP, Asian Business Association of San Diego, Nuffer, Smith, Tucker Public Relations, San Diego County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and San Diego Chapter of the Associated Builders and Contractors.

“It is critically important for San Diegans to get vaccinated as soon as possible to keep all of us healthy and make sure our economic recovery continues to move forward. We must do our part to make sure our neighbors and loved ones stay safe,” **said San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria.**

Those interested in joining Time To Vaccinate can learn more and sign-up on the Chamber’s website at sdchamber.org/timetovaccinate.

The San Diego Regional Chamber is the hub for connections and collaboration among the regional business community and uses that clout to advocate for public policies and candidates that support economic growth and the creation of jobs for all businesses. As the largest local Chamber on the West Coast, representing more than 2,000 businesses and an estimated 300,000 jobs, the San Diego Regional Chamber is working to make the San Diego region the best place to live and work.

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