

## **SAFER Report:** A Year in Review, and What's Next



## **KEY FINDINGS**



Workplace
vaccine
requirements
are effective; the
majority of the
U.S. workforce
is in favor.

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Interventions, incentives and access are key to ensuring and maintaining full vaccination status (i.e., receiving second dose or boosters).



Employment-related factors — paid time off, employer-provided health insurance and jobs in frontline industries — may contribute to higher COVID-19 rates and lower vaccination rates among people of color.



Today, most workers do not want to return in-person; less travel and more remote work are here to stay.



Employers need to stay ahead of virus variants, evolving public health guidance, "pandemic fatigue" and worker burnout.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EMPLOYERS**

- Implement vaccination requirements for in-person work and require frequent, regular PCR testing of individuals who can't or won't get vaccinated.
- Reduce barriers to access and increase vaccine uptake through paid time off, transportation to vaccination sites or on-site vaccination at workplaces, multilingual vaccine information, and transparent communication about vaccine guidance.
- 3 Encourage employee discussion around COVID-19 issues, such as boosters, variants and workplace safety guidelines.
- Reduce in-person work as able to minimize exposure opportunities.

