

Supreme Court Blocks Vaccine Mandate

Yesterday afternoon, the United States Supreme Court blocked the “vaccine or test” requirement for large employers with 100 or more employees. The Court’s decision can be found [here](#).

This was one of two employer mandates issued by the Biden administration in an effort to slow the spread of COVID. A vaccine mandate for certain health care workers will still go into effect nationwide.

In an unsigned opinion supported by six justices, the court invalidated an emergency regulation for large employers issued in November 2021 by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. The mandate compels most employers with more than 100 workers to require them to be vaccinated or submit to regular testing. According to the Jan. 13 opinion, the Biden administration lacks the unilateral authority to impose the mandate. The court noted that OSHA has the authority to enact *workplace* protections, not broad public health measures, and that the rule went beyond the agency’s powers.

By a five-to-four margin, meanwhile, the court upheld a mandate issued by the secretary of health and human services that requires people who work in health-care facilities that serve Medicare and Medicaid patients to be vaccinated. Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Brett Kavanaugh joined with the court's three liberal justices to form the majority.

Oregon OSHA’s rules must be “at least as effective” as federal rules. In response to the Supreme Court's decision, Oregon OSHA [announced yesterday](#) that it "will not move forward with adopting the same or similar standard in Oregon." The agency, instead, "will continue to monitor federal OSHA activities and respond as needed."

Deadline for Nominations is February 4

Nominations are Open to honor outstanding businesses, 2021 first citizens and more. Honorees will be announced on March 24, 2022 at the chamber’s annual awards, meeting of the membership and celebration of business events. **SAVE THE DATE!**

"Business of the year" recognitions include three categories: small, medium and large-size Roseburg Area Chamber-member businesses. The chamber will also recognize an outstanding individual as its volunteer of the year and a local business for its innovation. Check out [past recipients of the chamber’s volunteer and business of the year honors](#). **Submittal deadline for nominations is February 4, 2022.**

The chamber is also seeking nominations for deserving individuals for our community's highest honor, first citizens. Take a look at the list of our [past First Citizen honorees](#). For nomination criteria and forms: [Business of the Year](#), [Chamber Volunteer of the Year](#), [Business Innovator](#) and [First Citizens](#) nomination forms. **Nomination deadline is 5:00 pm on February 4, 2022.**

Sale of Membership Luncheon Season Passes to Reopen

The Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce will reopen sale of season passes for the remaining membership meeting lunches for 2022. Sale will open in late January/early February. This will be the last chance to purchase season passes for 2022. NEVER RSVP again! Attend the membership meeting lunches, listed below with the purchase of a season pass and not only save, but never worry about forgetting to make a reservation. With your season pass, it’s all taken care of! Individual season passes for exclusively for RACC members. Check out future “Chamber News” emails for links to final opportunity to purchase.

Mark the Calendar / Remaining 2022 Membership Meeting Luncheons

Monday, March 14, 2022

Monday, April 11, 2022

Monday, May 16, 2022

Monday, June 20, 2022

Monday, September 19, 2022

Monday, October 17, 2022

Monday, November 14, 2022

More Chamber News

Check out the chamber's [January/February 2022 Business Perspectives e-newsletter](#). Missed a past issue of *Business Perspectives* or one of our membership email blasts? They are posted on the chamber website on the [Monthly Newsletter page](#) . . . just scroll.

Sponsorships are available for chamber's annual meeting of the membership/awards events on March 24. For more information on the four different sponsorship opportunities, check out pages 7-10 of the January/February 2022 issue of *Business Perspectives*, or the [annual celebration of business/awards event page](#) on the chamber website.

For 2022 Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce program and event dates, so far, visit the online [Chamber Calendar](#). More news and details coming soon! [RACC 2021-2022 Goals and Priorities](#).

Support local businesses! Please be patient. Please be kind.

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