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UFCW LOCAL 7 SECURES VACCINE DISTRIBUTION SITE AT JBS MEAT PROCESSING PLANT IN GREELEY PROVIDING THOUSANDS OF ESSENTIAL WORKERS ACCESS TO THE COVID-19 VACCINE

Local 7's Coordination with Colorado Governor Jared Polis and National Guard Will Create a Vaccine Distribution Site for Essential Workers at JBS Greeley on March 5th and 6th.

DENVER, CO – Today, UFCW Local 7 announced it has secured on-site access to the COVID-19 vaccine for JBS Greeley essential workers, thanks to continued coordination with the National Guard and Colorado Governor Jared Polis' office. On Friday, March 5 and Saturday, March 6, 3,000 UFCW Local 7 members and other employees associated with the JBS plant will have access to the vaccine at the JBS Greeley plant located at 800 N. 8th Ave, Greeley, Colorado.

This site comes at a critical time as the country surpassed [500,000 deaths](#) from COVID-19, including six Local 7 JBS members, and nearly 500 Local 7 members at the JBS Greeley plant have tested positive for the virus since March 2020.

Kim Cordova, President of UFCW Local 7 who represents more than 3,000 workers at JBS Greeley, issued the following statement:

“Nearly one year since the first outbreak at the JBS Greeley plant the Union has succeeded in securing vaccine access for the thousands of its Essential Workers. Every single day these hardworking employees, including our 3,000 members, make sure our nation’s food supply never falters--even when communities shut down. Too many lives have been lost at JBS Greeley because of COVID-19. The Union has never stopped fighting for each and every one of them because we recognize them for what they are--essential. Together, they have been on the front lines since day one and now they will finally have the opportunity to access the vaccine--a critical step to immunize themselves against this deadly virus.

“We thank Governor Polis and the National Guard for their partnership with the Union to bring resources directly to the JBS Greeley workers. By setting up the distribution at the plant, workers will be able to receive accurate information and get the vaccine onsite over two days.

“Even after vaccination, it will be critical that JBS implement proper safety protocols to protect their workers who are still at high risk of contracting the virus. Local 7 continues to call on JBS to slow down line speeds to allow for proper social distancing, provide adequate PPE, end the ‘work-while-sick’ culture, and provide accessible and affordable health care.”

Health care providers will be at the plant by 5 am and vaccinations will be offered to workers as early as 6 am March 5th and 6th. Based on information from state officials, it is anticipated as many as 300 to 350 vaccinations will be given per hour. The distribution site will be inside the plant and will be running in shifts over the course of two days.

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[Local 7](#), the largest Union in Colorado is affiliated with United Food and Commercial Workers International Union which represents over 1.3 million workers in the United States and Canada, and is one of the largest private sector Unions in North America. UFCW members work in a wide range of industries, including retail food, food processing, agriculture, retail sales, and health care.

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