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UFCW LOCAL 7, PUEBLO DEPT. OF HEALTH & PUEBLO SHERIFF DEPT. SECURE COVID-19 VACCINES FOR ESSENTIAL MISSION FOODS PLANT WORKERS

Starting March 8th, All Mission Foods Plant UFCW Local 7 Members Will be Eligible to Get the COVID-19 Vaccine at the Pueblo Mall Drive-Thru Clinic

DENVER, CO – Today, UFCW Local 7 announced that all 200 essential workers at the Mission Foods plant in Pueblo, Colorado, will be eligible to receive their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine starting Monday March 8, 2021. Local 7 members are encouraged to get their vaccine at Pueblo Mall Drive-Thru Clinic located at 3429 Dillon Dr., Pueblo, Colorado. Vaccine drive-thru hours for Mission Foods' workers are scheduled at 9 AM - 11 AM and 2 PM - 4 PM.

This announcement comes at a critical time as the country surpassed [500,000 deaths](#) from COVID-19, and after [three outbreaks](#) at the Missions plant in Pueblo. Since the first outbreak, UFCW has been calling on Mission Foods to conduct a deep sanitation of the facility, ensure workers have access to COVID-19 testing, and give quarantine pay for all employees while the plant is closed.

In response to the outbreak, Kim Cordova, President of UFCW Local 7, who represents 25,000 workers in Colorado and Wyoming, including all 200 workers employed by the Mission Foods plant in Pueblo, issued the following statement:

“After three outbreaks in less than a year, I am relieved that our essential workers at the Mission Plant will finally have access to the vaccine - a critical step to protect themselves against this deadly virus that continues to ravage our communities. Mission’s employees— our members— show up every day to keep America fed and the local economy going at great personal risk.

“We thank the Pueblo Department of Health and Pueblo’s Sheriff’s department for their partnership with UFCW Local 7 to bring resources directly to the Mission Foods’ workers in Pueblo. Thanks to your efforts, workers will be able to receive accurate information and get the vaccine.

“Even after vaccination, it will be critical that Mission Foods remain vigilant. Local 7 continues to call on Mission Foods to implement proper safety protocols to protect their workers who are still at high risk of contracting the virus.”

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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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