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Large Companies Have Until Jan. 4 To Require Shots

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The Biden administration on Thursday set Jan. 4 as the deadline for large companies to mandate coronavirus vaccinations or start weekly testing of their workers, the government's biggest effort yet to **enlist** private businesses in combating the virus.

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The new rule, applying to companies with 100 or more employees, is expected to cover 84 million workers, roughly 31 million of whom are unvaccinated. It **lays out** details of a plan President Biden announced in September, **invoking** emergency powers over workplace safety.

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In a separate measure that will affect 17 million more workers, nursing homes and other health care facilities that receive Medicare and Medicaid funds must ensure all employees are vaccinated by Jan. 4, with no option for testing.

But the mandate on large private businesses is the most far-reaching and potentially controversial **measure** in the government's efforts to fight the pandemic. Attorneys general in at least 24 states have threatened to sue.

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Republican governors and some industry trade groups have opposed the requirement, and the 20 percent of U.S. adults who remain unvaccinated may take issue as well.

And the administration is considering going even further. The Labor Department said it had opened a 30-day [comment period](#) on whether it should extend the rules to smaller companies.

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“While I would have much preferred that requirements not become necessary, too many people remain unvaccinated for us to get out of this pandemic for good,” Mr. Biden said in a statement.

Still, with the country facing shipping delays and shortages caused by [supply chain](#) problems, the January deadline allows retailers and [logistics](#) companies, both in need of employees, to get through the holiday shopping season before instituting the requirements. *

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