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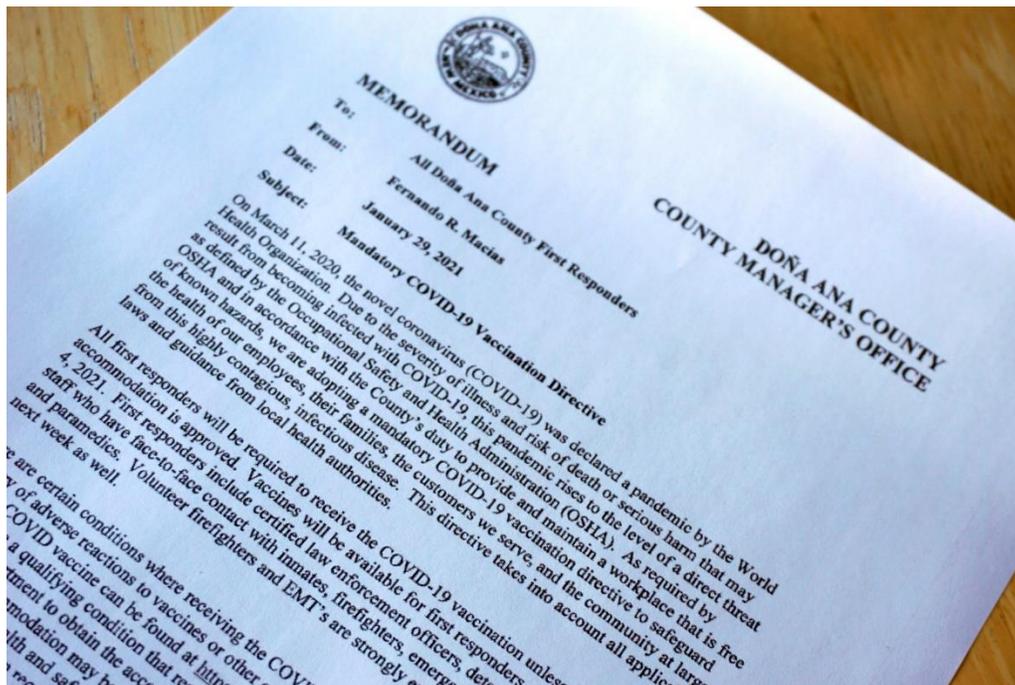
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COVID-19 VACCINE MANDATE VIOLATES FEDERAL LAW

Doña Ana County Manager Served Cease and Desist Order for Vaccine Mandate



SANTA FE, NM – On January 29, 2021, Doña Ana County Manager Fernando Macias issued a Memorandum mandating COVID-19 vaccination as a condition of employment for first-responders including law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians, and paramedics. This mandate was issued because [only 1/3 of first responders](#) chose to be vaccinated. NM Stands Up! served Dona Ana County Manager Macias a Cease and Desist Letter on February 8, 2021 notifying him that he is subject to legal action for violating Federal law, and putting him on notice to rescind the mandatory vaccination order for county first responders.

Experimental COVID-19 vaccines are approved for Emergency Use only, and have not been granted full Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval. According to [FDA 21 U.S. Code § 360bbb-3](#) "Authorization for medical products for use in emergencies," medical products (including vaccines) which have Emergency Use Authorization

(EUA) must be voluntary, and their use requires “the option to accept or refuse administration of the product.” As such, it is illegal for any public or private entity to mandate the COVID-19 vaccines.

County Manager Macias stated that COVID vaccination of first responders is necessary to protect the public. As [acknowledged](#) by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), it is not known whether COVID-19 vaccines will prevent transmission of the illness. Therefore, the argument that individuals must be vaccinated to protect the community is not supported by science.

COVID-19 vaccines use mRNA technology which has not been used in vaccines previously, and the CDC has [stated](#) that these experimental vaccines haven’t been thoroughly tested on people who are pregnant, have autoimmune conditions, or are immunocompromised. There are no long-term safety studies of these vaccines in the general population. As of January 29, 2021, over 11,000 adverse reactions have been reported to the CDC’s [Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System](#) for COVID-19 vaccines, including anaphylactic shock, miscarriage, paralysis, and hundreds of deaths.

2/3 of local first responders have chosen not to be vaccinated. A local paramedic said, "If they push mandatory vaccinations, I have a lot of friends prepared to quit and walk off the job, which will leave Doña Ana Co in a bad place. They may have difficulty to properly staff ALS (Advanced Life Support) units."

Among those who have received their COVID-19 vaccination, some have experienced strong side effects. One reported that she “received [her] 2nd Pfizer shot yesterday and today, it took [her] down. Low grade fever, chills, and body aches.” Another reported, “Fever, body aches, chills, cold sweats. I got my second dose yesterday and I am very sick since last night.” These symptoms are ongoing, several days after the shot.

Some first responders reported that their post-vaccination side effects were worse than their symptoms when they had COVID. One of these was a paramedic/firefighter who broke out in hives over his torso and also experienced “sweats, nausea, deltoid pain, stiff and sore neck. Headache worse than my migraines.” Because of the hives, he went to the Emergency Room and was admitted for observation.



Says attorney Ana Garner, “New Mexico Stands Up! is prepared to pursue legal action against any individuals, businesses, or government agencies who mandate COVID-19 vaccination. These illegal mandates expose individuals to compulsory risk and directly violate Federal law. Private businesses are liable for damages caused by the experimental shots if employees are not given full freedom of choice without threat of consequences. Government officials who impose COVID-19 vaccine mandates can be held personally liable for violating Federal law, which requires voluntary and full informed consent to any product marketed under the Emergency Use Authorization.”

[New Mexico Stands Up!](#) has already filed lawsuits against the State of New Mexico and CDC for unlawful actions related to COVID-19 policies. The [New Mexico Freedoms Alliance](#) is a non-partisan coalition of local community groups and individuals throughout the state which advocates for civil liberties and representative government.