

Facebook employees won't be required to get a COVID-19 vaccine

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Facebook will not require employees to get a COVID-19 vaccine before returning to the office.

CEO Mark Zuckerberg told employees on Thursday that they will not be required to get vaccinated to return to the office once it begins reopening its offices, The Daily Beast first reported.

The tech giant confirmed to U.S. TODAY back in May that it doesn't expect to open most of its offices until July 6 at the earliest.

Facebook employs more than 50,000 employees and is headquartered in Menlo Park, Calif., in the San Francisco Bay Area where current COVID-19 cases are higher than during previous surges in the spring and summer.

When offices reopen, employees are expected to notify if they wish to be considered a fully remote worker, but they could be facing a pay cut depending on their city of residence.

Zuckerberg said in the spring the [company](#) is "aggressively" opening remote hiring and expects to shift 50% of its workforce to remote work.

Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey told his staff in May the company would allow some of its workforce to continue working from home indefinitely if they choose.

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