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## TO ALL UFUA MEMBERS

## UFUA NATIONAL POLICY ON COVID19 VACCINATIONS

A number of UFUA members have requested confirmation recently of the Union's policy on COVID 19 vaccinations.

On 2 September, the UFUA National Executive (which comprises of UFUA Branch Secretaries) met via Zoom to discuss several matters pertaining to UFUA members and professional firefighters around the country.

## The health and safety of all members is of critical importance to the Union.

As such, the UFUA National Executive discussed the matter of COVID 19 vaccinations for members and the National Executive passed the following resolution unanimously:

In recognition of the risks faced by firefighters in responding to emergencies during the COVID 19 pandemic, and in particular recognition of the risks posed by duties in emergency medical response, the UFUA National Executive strongly recommends that all members, subject to the advice of their medical practitioners, obtain COVID 19 vaccinations. The UFUA National Executive does not support the mandating of vaccinations through the use of employment law.

The above resolution forms the UFUA National Policy on COVID 19 vaccinations.

Should members have any queries regarding the Policy, they are respectfully requested to contact their UFU Branch Office.

Authorised by National Secretary Peter Marshall