

# Gov. Reynolds files lawsuit challenging Biden Administration's vaccine mandate rule

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Gov. Reynolds today announced that the State of Iowa has filed a lawsuit challenging President Biden's vaccine mandate rule for employees of companies employing 100 or more.

The White House stated on July 23 of this year that mandating vaccines is “not the role of the federal government.” “They were right then and they’re wrong now,” Gov. Reynolds said.

As stated in the complaint: “This mandate is unconstitutional, unlawful, and unwise. The federal government lacks constitutional authority under its enumerated powers to issue this mandate, and its attempt to do so unconstitutionally infringes on the States’ powers expressly reserved by the Tenth Amendment.”

“I believe the vaccine is the best defense against COVID-19, but I also firmly believe in Iowans’ right to make healthcare decisions based on what’s best for themselves and their families, and I remain committed to protecting those freedoms. President Biden should do the same.”

A copy of the filed lawsuit can be found **here**

**([https://governor.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2021-11-05%20-%20OSHA%20Vaccine%20Mandate%20-%20Petition%20for%20Review.pdf?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://governor.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2021-11-05%20-%20OSHA%20Vaccine%20Mandate%20-%20Petition%20for%20Review.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)).**