A message from The National Slag Association Safety Committee

Dear NSA Member Company Teams:

Thank you for everything you do to keep yourself, your families, your coworkers and our customers safe and healthy. We appreciate how much you have already done to adapt during this challenging time. Our industry has worked under some uncertain and often stressful conditions, and you have helped make it possible for us to continue our essential operations. Getting a COVID-19 vaccine is an important step to prevent getting sick with COVID-19 disease. We care about your health; you as essential workers are critical to your companies and customers’ operations. Getting vaccinated now will help protect you and those around you and who are at risk for severe illness from COVID-19.

Here are some things you should know about COVID-19 vaccination:

- All COVID-19 vaccines available in the North America are very effective at preventing the disease. Vaccines work with your body’s natural defenses so your body will be ready to fight the virus.
- COVID-19 vaccines are being held to the same health and safety standards as all other vaccines.
- You may have some side effects, which are normal signs that your body is building protection. The most common side effects are pain in the arm where you got the shot, fatigue, headache, body aches, chills, and fever. These side effects tend to be mild to moderate and go away on their own within 1–2 days. Please follow your company processes and reach out to your manager if you experience any of these side effects.

COVID-19 vaccines are an important tool to help stop the pandemic. After vaccination, we should continue to follow all the current company COVID-19 policies and guidelines to protect ourselves and others. This includes wearing a face covering, staying at least 6 feet away from others, avoiding large gatherings and crowds, disinfecting the workplace, and washing our hands often.

Thank you again for all you are doing to keep yourselves and those around you safe and healthy. We want you to feel confident in your decision to get vaccinated. We welcome any questions you may have. By getting vaccinated, you can serve as a role model in your community and can positively influence vaccination decisions of your coworkers, friends, and family.

Sincerely,

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