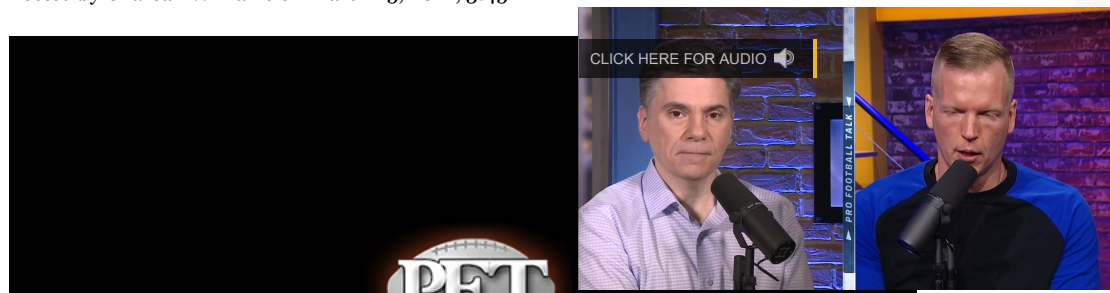
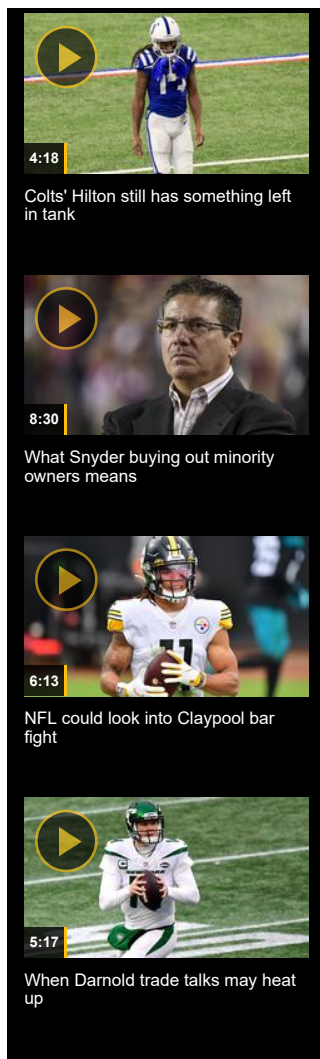


NFL won't require COVID-19 vaccines but will incentivize them

Posted by Charean Williams on March 25, 2021, 3:45 PM EDT





The NFL will not require COVID-19 vaccinations for players, coaches or staff members. But the league is encouraging vaccines, and incentives offered by the NFL will encourage (pressure?) everyone to get a shot.

The NFL sent a memo to its clubs Thursday detailing protocols for draft weekend. It is relaxing masking and distancing requirements if all individuals in the draft room are fully vaccinated.



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Similar rules could apply for future activities at team facilities, incentivizing COVID-19 vaccines.

“Right up front, let me be clear: The NFL and the NFL Players Association **have no intention** of making the COVID-19 vaccine mandatory for players, coaches or staff,” Dr. Allen Sills, the NFL’s chief medical officer, told Judy Battista of NFL Media. “What we are focusing on is education. We want everyone to have the facts, and we believe that this is an important step forward. Again, as we spoke about for the draft room experience, you’ll see vaccinated individuals be able to have certain privileges and certain precautions that are lifted that won’t apply to unvaccinated individuals. We’ll continue those discussions. Again, go where the science leads us on that. But I think we’ve got a lot to learn between now and then. But we’re really going to focus on getting that education and continuing that dialogue. We’re seeing a lot of dialogue among players, coaches and staff about vaccinations. We hope everyone gets vaccinated. That would be our hope.”

The NBA and NBA Players Association **recently agreed** to a new protocol that provides expanded benefits to fully vaccinated players. Fully vaccinated NBA players no longer are required to quarantine following exposure to COVID-19; they can have friends, family, and others visit without testing or registration; and they can dine outdoors at restaurants.

For NBA teams that have 85 percent of players and 85 percent of staff fully vaccinated, masks no longer are required at the practice facility and teams are given more flexibility on road trips.

The NFL has started down that path, encouraging COVID-19 vaccines, not requiring them, while making it advantageous for everyone on every team to get the shot.

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niners816 says:
March 25, 2021 at 4:00 pm

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March 25, 2021 at 4:08 pm

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juan759 says:

March 25, 2021 at 4:17 pm

Do you have your papers?

We encourage you to have your papers.

Both make anyone that believes is free will nervous.

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tdskinz says:

March 25, 2021 at 4:19 pm

I'd eat gas station sushi before I take that shot.

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maverick7wi says:

March 25, 2021 at 4:21 pm

So the NFL won't follow Dr Fauci's recommendation of wearing not one, but two masks even if you are vaccinated?

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thetooloftools says:

March 25, 2021 at 4:22 pm

I think refusing to get vaccinated is extremely selfish. I think a player owes it to his owner, coaches, and most importantly fellow players both on his team and opponents on the field to do everything possible to help keep this virus under control. Let's face it. I believe if it didn't work it wouldn't have been brought to market. If there turns out to be side effects later, millions will be effected. I'm going to get it as soon as I can (I'm scheduled to be scheduled). I look at this way ... the NFL is a brutal JOB. They never know if they will walk off the field at games end or be carted off with a season ending injury or much worse (Dennis Byrd). Getting vaccinated is one less thing I as a player would have to worry about.

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freefromwhatyouare says:

March 25, 2021 at 4:28 pm

I myself am getting the J&J Vaccine on April 3rd. 80% of population is now eligible to receive the vaccine. If you think you aren't eligible then I would suggest you contact your local health care officials

I would strongly recommend getting the Vaccine. Actual medical doctors also strongly recommend it.

I would go with the opinions MD's and myself over the gaggle of keyboard warriors online.

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Pedantic Weasel says:

March 25, 2021 at 4:28 pm

Don't drag your family down with you, niners816...or so they share your insane theory that life-saving medicine is "poison."

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gophersnot says:

March 25, 2021 at 4:31 pm

gibson45 says:

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njstce4a11 says:

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THIS. Leo's Gatsby Salute.

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lgw91s says:

March 25, 2021 at 4:35 pm

Why do people feel the need to broadcast to total strangers their very personal decision on whether to accept the vaccine?

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SeeYouNextTuesday says:

March 25, 2021 at 4:38 pm

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Translation:

"You have freedom to make your own decisions unless those decisions don't align with my decisions."

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cardiovascularendurance says:

March 25, 2021 at 4:38 pm

I can only imagine what it's like to go about life so ignorantly.

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mm556 says:

March 25, 2021 at 4:39 pm

Incentivising natural selection? Sounds like a good idea tbh.

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jjackwagon says:

March 25, 2021 at 4:41 pm

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So do you demand the same from people that smoke? If not...why not?

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collectordude says:

March 25, 2021 at 4:41 pm

At least, they’re not mandatory.

Freedom of choice.

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bkinaction says:

March 25, 2021 at 4:47 pm

Just offer an extra third round pick for teams that have 100% compliance.

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radar8 says:

March 25, 2021 at 4:48 pm

Anti-vaxxers “don’t want to put that “poison” in their bodies.

Ironically, they will put alcohol and painkillers in their bodies.

SMH

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radar8 says:

March 25, 2021 at 4:49 pm

What happened to “my body, my choice?”

When your choice allows you to infect me and my family, I get a say.

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shaquilleoatmeal says:

March 25, 2021 at 4:54 pm

America is the land of the free. Many good men and women fought for your freedom and that includes the freedom to choose if you want a vaccine or not. Every American should legally fight for the freedoms we have.

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rigitdigit says:

March 25, 2021 at 4:54 pm

lgw91s says:

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Why do people feel the need to broadcast to total strangers their very personal decision on whether to accept the vaccine?

BECAUSE THEY ARE TRYING TO SAVE YOU MAYBE?

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Where has any hospital been clogged up at any point in time? In all according to the CDC in ages 18-49 only 2.5% of cases require hospitalization. 2.5% From ages 50 to 84 it raises from only 7.4% to 15.8% of cases. Stats don't lie. There's no clogging of any hospitals.

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correctingerrors says:
March 25, 2021 at 5:20 pm

I got the vaccine just like millions of other Americans. No complications, no issues, just like the other millions. You should be much more worried about getting in a car than the vaccine.

Do it for society, for America, for the economy, for your family and be proud that you won't spread it to anyone that will die

👍 85 🗨️ 104 ⓘ Rate This

theitalianarmy says:
March 25, 2021 at 5:29 pm

Just get vaccinated so don't have to worry about others choices not too.

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packerfan99 says:
March 25, 2021 at 5:32 pm

There's plenty of actual medical doctors not recommending it. Pfizer has JJ both have huge history of lawsuits l. It has nothing to do with anti vaccines it has to do with long term studies. Look at the stuff the FDA has approved only to be unsafe. Johnson and Johnson's protection percentage isn't even worth it for younger people.

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bostonblows says:
March 25, 2021 at 5:55 pm

Amazing how many people are upset at how much smarter scientists are then them.

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6burgh says:
March 25, 2021 at 6:48 pm

The vaccines have only been approved through the Emergency Use Act. Most vaccines have to have test periods of up to ten years for server possible side effects down the road before they are FDA approved. These vaccines haven't been put through the same amount of testing to get approved, hence the Emergency Act. And you can't sue and company providing a vaccine or the government or the FDA if you do receive severe side effects because they haven't gotten the 100% approval from the FDA.

You do what you want, but you have no legal options to pursue if you have a side effect that takes away you ability to work.

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6burgh says:
March 25, 2021 at 7:43 pm

And that's also why they aren't mandatory yet.

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jkk60 says:

March 25, 2021 at 7:49 pm

Vaccinate, don't vaccinate that's everyone's choice. What the virus has done is expose how terribly prepared the USA medical people and hospitals are. God forbid a really dangerous virus or catastrophe hit the usa.

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BullionGrower NZ says:

March 25, 2021 at 8:39 pm

It's experimental. Nuff said. My brain, my choice....You first!

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