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County Executive Schoemann's Statement Regarding the Nationwide Injunction out of Louisiana Preventing CMS from Enforcing a Vaccine Mandate for Healthcare Workers

I was thrilled to hear the news regarding the nationwide injunction out of Louisiana, preventing the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) from enforcing a vaccine mandate for healthcare workers. We have heard from dozens of healthcare workers throughout Washington County, including here on our Samaritan campus, terrified of the prospect of choosing between their conscience and their profession. With this injunction, as well as the more narrow injunction in Missouri, I am certain there will be successful litigation that will go a long way to ensure that we don't put our healthcare workers in an unnecessary ethical dilemma, and that we don't jeopardize healthcare funding for our poor and elderly in exchange for political wins with ill-conceived mandates.

I continue to strongly encourage people to get the vaccine that's best for them as their conscious and personal health allows, and I also strongly support those who object to the vaccine for the same reasons.

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