

## Statement on Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination and Organ Procurement

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Since the COVID-19 vaccine became available, ASTS, UNOS, AOPO, and AST have encouraged surgeons, physicians and staff receive the vaccine to minimize the risk to themselves and prevent respiratory disease and infection among the community and in particular our patients.

As the virus continues to evolve and vaccines are more widely available, many hospitals are mandating vaccination for their employees and vendors. ASTS, UNOS, AOPO, and AST not only encourage all surgeons to be vaccinated, but we also see the immediate need for any surgeon or allied health professional traveling away from their primary hospital/institution for organ procurement surgeries to carry their vaccination card for verification purposes.

