

Labor unions, a key Democratic ally, lukewarm on Biden vaccine mandate

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James Sullivan was quoted in *Yahoo! News* discussing two executive orders that would mandate vaccines for more than two-thirds of working Americans. “It puts the unions in a difficult spot,” said Jim. “They’re not necessarily speaking for the rank and file in its entirety.” With Biden’s executive orders, the White House is taking a calculated risk, some say, given the sweeping nature of these mandates and the almost-inevitable legal wrangling to come. “Labor lawyers are licking their chops,” he said. “This is going to be challenged by multiple organizations because it’s unprecedented to use the OSHA temporary standard this way with such a far-reaching obligation,” he said. Jim predicted a messy, protracted battle. “This is not going to happen overnight, because the mandate is being imposed on these employers through a potential emergency standard promulgated by OSHA and that’s something the general public is not quite understanding yet,” he said.

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