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## **No Firings! No Vaccine Mandates!**

Whether you support the Covid vaccine, whether you are skeptical of it or are opposed to it, it should now be clear, not only to Marxist-Leninists, but to all trade unionists, indeed to all progressive people, that the mandates are being used as an attack on the working class!

In New York State, Governor Cuochul (whether it is Cuomo or Hochul the difference is one of personality, not of policy) has stated that all health-care workers would be fired if they were not vaccinated by September 27. She is planning to bring in workers from other states or from outside the country, as well as members of the National Guard who have been “trained” in medical procedures to make up for the staff shortages that will be created. (Would you trust your health care to a member of the National Guard, regardless of the training they may have received?)

President Biden is carrying out similar firings, refusing to allow hospitals, clinics and nursing homes to continue to receive money from Medicaid and Medicare (which means virtually all of them) unless they fire all non-vaccinated staff.

Mayor de Blasio is also threatening school staff, saying that anyone who has not received at least a first vaccine shot by Friday afternoon will not be allowed to work on Monday. Many other cities and states are carrying out similar measures.

## **We Are Still in Great Depression 2**

These firings are *not* about our health. We have been in a depression since shortly *before* the pandemic. (See TMLU Vol. 2, No. 4, at: [www.RedStarPublishers.org/TMLU.htm](http://www.RedStarPublishers.org/TMLU.htm).) One of the ways that capitalist governments try to get out of a crisis is by increasing the exploitation of the working class. Firing health-care workers, teachers and workers from other public or private sector jobs is precisely that. The remaining workers will have to work harder for the same (or less) pay. It is also no coincidence that these measures are being taken just after the additional unemployment time and compensation has run out.

**Workers, unions, everyone –  
stand up against this cynical manipulation of the Covid pandemic!**