

Here is the Spotify COVID content policy that lets Joe Rogan slide | The Verge

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Spotify employees are vocally upset inside the company over the streaming platform's deal with Joe Rogan due to his views on COVID vaccines, but their executive leadership has mostly stayed quiet both inside and outside the firm. Today, however, Dustee Jenkins, Spotify's head of global communications and public relations, posted a message to the company Slack addressing employee concerns about Joe Rogan's presence on the platform after Neil Young removed his music in protest.

In screenshots viewed by *The Verge*, Jenkins said she "lead[s] Public Affairs" and that the company has reviewed multiple controversial *Joe Rogan Experience* episodes and determined they "didn't meet the threshold for removal." She adds that Spotify employs an "internal team of some of the best experts in the space" and also works with third parties who "advise us and help us evolve our policies given what's going on in the world around us."

She added: "What Spotify hasn't done is move fast enough to share these policies externally, and are working to address that as soon as possible."

The message also links to an internal company content guidelines page, which *The Verge* has viewed. Jenkins said these rules have been in place "for years." The entire healthcare guidelines section is reproduced below.

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