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Special Alert – Use of Fraudulent Vaccination Cards

As more people get vaccinated for COVID-19, and proof of vaccination becomes required for many activities, there has been an increase in the use of fake vaccination cards across New York City and the country. The use, distribution, creation and sale of fraudulent vaccination records is a serious offense subject to criminal penalties, and puts the well-being and safety of our staff and patients at risk. Therefore, please be sure to only submit a valid vaccination card as proof of your COVID-19 vaccination status.

The Office of the Inspector General and other law enforcement agencies will be working to ensure that our health system's vaccination records are protected from fraudulent activity. In addition, our Occupational Health Services (OHS) team will adopt steps to screen for suspicious vaccination records, and we have put in place a process to anonymously report suspected fraudulent activity related to vaccination records.

If you suspect activity involving counterfeit or fraudulent vaccination cards, please contact the Office of the Inspector General:

Online: <u>www.nychhc.org/oig</u>

Email: <u>OIGIntake@ig.nychhc.org</u>

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Thank you for all you do to keep our patients and workplaces safe.



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