

VACCINATIONS
FOR ALL

COVID-19 Booster Vaccine for All Health Care Workers

If you work here, you are a health care hero.

Your sacrifice and service over the last two years of the COVID-19 pandemic has saved countless lives.

You have already stepped-up to get tested and vaccinated in order to protect yourself, your family, your loved ones, your colleagues and your patients. Thank you!

Now it's time to take the next step in the fight against COVID-19.

The New York State Department of Health will be requiring all health care workers to get the COVID-19 booster vaccine in order to continue serving the people of New York.

The booster shot is our best protection to reduce the risk of serious illness, hospitalization and death from COVID-19. It is safe, effective and conveniently available and at no cost to you.

Don't wait another day. Get your booster shot as soon as you are eligible to protect yourself and keep everyone safe.

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New York State COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Mandate for Health Care Workers



What You Need to Know

Who is required to take a COVID-19 booster shot?

All NYC Health + Hospitals staff, physician affiliates, students, volunteers, contractors, vendors who work, train or provide services in-person at any NYC Health + Hospitals facility. That includes staff who serve patients at home or in the community. It also includes all staff who sometimes work remotely and sometimes have to come onsite to work at any of our work locations.

When is the booster required?

Staff are required to receive booster shots when they are eligible to receive them. Staff are eligible to receive booster shots five months after completing the two doses of Pfizer vaccines or Moderna vaccines, or two months after the one-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine. Anyone who is already eligible should get a COVID-19 booster as soon as possible so there is no disruption to your ability to work.

What about employees who are not yet due for a booster?

All health care workers subject to the state mandate should take the booster shot once they have reached the five month or two-month mark noted above.

Why are boosters being mandated? Will it protect from the Omicron variant?

As health care professionals, we have an added risk and responsibility. The booster shot is our best protection to reduce the risk of serious illness, hospitalization and death from COVID-19, including from the Omicron variant. The vaccine is safe, effective, conveniently available and at no cost to you. Staff can also take comp time to get boosted.

What happens if a health care worker does not get the booster shot?

Failure to comply with the New York State booster vaccination requirement will result in the staff being relieved of duty and unable to work. More details about how this will impact those who refuse to follow the mandate will be made available soon.

Where can I get a booster shot?

Pfizer and J&J booster shots are available at the 11 hospitals in the NYC Health + Hospitals system. Moderna booster shots are available at any NYC Health + Hospitals/Gotham Health site. If you get boosted at one of our locations your proof of vaccine will be automatically added to our vaccine registry. Make an appointment today at covid19.nychealthandhospitals.org/covid19vaccinationscheduler.

Can I get a booster shot outside the NYC Health + Hospitals system?

You can get a booster shot at many other locations. You must upload proof of booster vaccine into the official NYC Health + Hospitals here: covid19.nychealthandhospitals.org/vaccinate

Can I get time off to get a booster shot?

Yes. All NYC Health + Hospitals staff can get up to 4 hours of excused leave to get the COVID-19 booster vaccine and 3 hours of comp time after getting the booster.

Can I get a booster shot at the same time as the flu vaccine?

It is safe to get a COVID-19 booster shot at the same time as the flu vaccine. Flu shots are available to all NYC Health + Hospitals staff at most worksites.