

## COVID-19 Health System Updates

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My message this week is simple: Please get your booster and [report it to Employee Health Services](#) if you haven't yet.

You know by now that the New York State booster mandate deadline for eligible Mount Sinai faculty, staff, trainees, and students is this Monday, February 21, and many more will become eligible in the days that follow. You know that boosters are the best way to keep yourselves safe against COVID-19. If you still have questions, our [booster mandate page](#) has answers. Also, we made a [video](#) about the booster mandate that you should feel free to show to your teams if it will help.

Please don't wait until the last minute. Do it for your patients. Do it for your colleagues. Do it for your loved ones. Most of all, do it for yourselves. Get your booster today. Don't risk losing your job.

As of this morning, we had 123 inpatients with COVID-19 in our hospitals, 22 of whom were in intensive care. The New York State seven-day average test positivity rates as of yesterday were 1.9 percent for New York City, 3.3 percent for Long Island, and 2.9 percent for the mid-Hudson region.

Last week I mentioned that, while the general New York State mask mandate has expired, masks are still required in all health care facilities in the state. I know this can be confusing for our patients, so if you need signs for your practice or office to remind them, they're available on the [Mount Sinai Brand Center](#).

I hope you get to relax and spend time with loved ones this Presidents' Day weekend.

Thank you again for all you do.

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