

Details on New York State Vaccine Booster Mandate

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According to the New York State Department of Health, COVID-19 vaccine booster shots are now mandatory for everyone working in, or employed by, a health care organization in New York State.

If you have already received your booster shot and reported it to Employee Health Services (EHS), you don't need do anything at this time. Otherwise, here is what you need to know:

Who needs to get a booster?

As required by New York State, all Mount Sinai Health System faculty, staff, trainees, and students need to get the booster.

Who is eligible for a booster?

You are eligible for a booster five months after your second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines or two months after your only dose of Johnson & Johnson.

Recent COVID-19 infection may affect your booster eligibility. In this case, the deadline for your booster dose is 30 days from the date of your positive test. As required by existing Mount Sinai Health System policy, please be sure to report any positive test results to EHS.

What is my deadline for getting the booster?

If you are eligible for a booster as of last Friday, January 21, then you must receive a booster shot by Monday, February 21.

Those who become eligible after January 21 must receive their booster within 30 days of becoming eligible.

Where can I get a booster?

You can get your booster shot anywhere they are offered. If you want to get a booster shot at a Mount Sinai location, you can make an appointment [here](#). You can check the [New York State](#), [New York City](#), [New Jersey](#), or [Connecticut](#) websites for other locations. Many pharmacies also offer the booster vaccine.

Once I have the booster, what do I need to do?

You must [report it to EHS](#) to comply with the mandate, **even if you got the shot at Mount Sinai**. It's a quick and easy reporting process.

Anyone who has not received a booster and reported it to EHS by the deadline, and who does not have an authorized religious or medical exemption from Mount Sinai, will have to be terminated from employment as required by the New York State mandate.

Why should I get the booster?

Booster shots are by far the best way to protect yourself, your colleagues and our patients against COVID-19. Study after study has shown this. (And if you are immunocompromised, please talk to your physician; you may be eligible for an additional dose, beyond the booster.)

Again, thank you for your cooperation. You are not only helping us comply with this new state rule; you are helping to keep everyone safe from COVID-19.

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