

## Vaccine Booster Mandate Deadline Is a Week Away

February 14, 2022, Monday

We are one week away from the New York State regulation mandating a COVID-19 vaccine booster for all eligible health care workers. This applies to all Mount Sinai faculty, staff, trainees, and students. To ensure that you can remain part of the Mount Sinai family, please get boosted this week and report it to [Employee Health Services \(EHS\)](#) if you have not yet done so.

### **Who has to get boosted by Monday, February 21?**

- Did you get your second shot of Pfizer or Moderna on or before August 21? Then you need to get a booster before the deadline of February 21.
- Did you get your Johnson & Johnson vaccine on or before November 21? Then you need to get a booster before the deadline of February 21.

### **I got my initial vaccine doses after August 21. What do I need to do?**

You become eligible for a booster five months after your second dose of Pfizer or Moderna, or two months after your only dose of Johnson & Johnson. You have 30 days from that point to get your booster.

For example, if you received your second dose of Pfizer on September 1, you became eligible to receive the booster on February 1. Your deadline to receive the shot—and report it—is Thursday, March 3.

### **I recently tested positive for COVID-19. What is my deadline for getting the booster?**

You must [report your positive test to EHS](#). You can get your booster dose as soon as 10 days after your positive test, and will have until 60 days after your diagnosis to comply with the mandate.

### **I reported my booster to EHS but my manager says I'm not showing up as compliant. What should I do?**

Once you have reported your booster, it will take EHS about 24-48 hours to verify it and update it in our dashboard. Please do not resubmit it during that process.

### **What happens if I do not comply?**

**If you do not get and [report](#) your booster by the deadline that applies to you, we will begin the process of terminating your job or study program.** Fifteen days after your deadline, if you still have not received your booster, you will no longer be able to work or study here. We do not want this to happen to you. We want you to remain part of the Mount Sinai family.

### **I still have questions; who should I talk to?**

We know you may have questions about the booster mandate, and we have updated the [Frequently Asked Questions page](#) on the website with more information. You can also email [COVIDQuestions@mountsinai.org](mailto:COVIDQuestions@mountsinai.org) if your question is not answered there.

Finally, we want to thank the majority of you who have been boosted and reported your vaccination. You did the right thing for yourselves, your loved ones, our patients, and our community. And for those of you still waiting, won't you take this one extra step to give yourselves and those around you the highest possible protection against COVID-19?

Thank you for your help. Because of all you do, this pandemic is drawing ever closer to an end.

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