

FAQ About Booster Vaccination Mandate

Do I need to get a COVID-19 booster dose?

As of January 21, New York State is requiring all health care workers to receive a booster dose once eligible. You will need to get a booster dose and report it to Employee Health Services (EHS) or face termination from your job, training, or study program.

Why is a booster dose recommended?

Over time and with new variants like Omicron, the effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccines decreases. Getting a booster dose helps increase protection against COVID-19. If you do get COVID-19, the booster dose provides strong protection against severe disease, hospitalization, and death.

When should I get a booster dose?

As soon as you are eligible, you should get your booster dose. You are eligible to get a booster dose five months after your second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines and two months after your only dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. You must get your booster dose within 30 days of when you are eligible.

If I have had COVID-19 recently, do I still need a booster?

Yes, you should still plan to get a booster dose even if you have recently had COVID-19. You should get boosted between 10 and 30 days after you are diagnosed with COVID-19.

Where can I get a booster vaccination?

You can book an appointment for a booster vaccination [through Mount Sinai](#), or check the [New York State](#), [New York City](#), [New Jersey](#), or [Connecticut](#) websites for other locations.



How do I report that I received my booster dose?

If you have received your COVID-19 booster shot and not yet reported it to EHS, you can do so [here](#). You must report your booster dose even if you received your dose through Mount Sinai and even if you already reported your previous doses to EHS.

What should I do if I've lost my vaccine card?

If you were vaccinated in New York City, you can retrieve the information online at <https://myvaccinerecord.cityofnewyork.us/myrecord/>