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COVID-19 Health System Updates, February 23

The state has now suspended its vaccine booster mandate for health care workers, but boosters remain the best way you can protect yourself and those around you against COVID-19. I do hope you'll get one soon if you haven't yet.

And if you do choose to get a booster in the near future, please [report it to Employee Health Services](#). We will need to have that data in hand when the state re-evaluates its booster mandate in three months.

As of this morning, we had 82 inpatients with COVID-19 across the system, 12 of whom were in critical care. The New York State seven-day average test positivity rates as of yesterday were 1.3 percent for New York City, 2.1 percent for Long Island, and 2.2 percent for the mid-Hudson region.

With the numbers now close to their pre-Omicron level, we are going to once again scale back the frequency of these updates. But if I don't write to you on a particular week, please know that I am nevertheless grateful for everything you are doing. We've accomplished so much together, and it will always be the honor of my life to wear the Mount Sinai badge by your side.