

Three Important Statements About Vaccine Mandate

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As the deadline for all Mount Sinai Health System employees to be vaccinated against COVID-19 approaches, we want to bring to your attention three important statements from leaders regarding our industry.

At a news conference on Wednesday, Governor Hochul confirmed that she fully supports and is committed to the state's vaccine mandate for health care workers, including the Monday, September 27, effective date. The governor said it is critically important that anyone who comes into contact with patients not be able to spread the virus to them. We couldn't agree more. You can watch the news conference [here](#).

President Biden yesterday [announced](#) a vaccination mandate for workers at all health facilities that receive federal funding, including Medicare or Medicaid payments. That includes not only Mount Sinai Health System but almost all hospitals and health care facilities nationwide.

Also, in a joint letter attached to this broadcast email, George Gresham, the president of 1199SEIU, our largest union, joins the plea for everyone to get vaccinated. If you are an 1199 member or have people on your team who are, we encourage you to read it. The vast majority of you have already been vaccinated, and Mr. Gresham and we thank you for doing your part.

Those who have not yet been vaccinated must receive at least the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and [report it to Employee Health Services](#) by 5 pm this coming Monday, September 13.

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