

TO: All Faculty, Staff, Trainees, and Students

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RE: More Information About Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccination

We have been extremely gratified by the response to last week's announcement about the mandatory COVID-19 vaccination rule that takes effect on Monday, September 13. A large majority of you were already vaccinated even before the announcement, and many more have come forward to schedule their shots since it went out.

As we have said repeatedly, our most important goal is to keep you, your colleagues, and our patients safe from COVID-19. Safety has long been at the top of the Mount Sinai Health System list of values. And when it comes to COVID-19, vaccination is by far the best way to reduce the risk of transmission and prevent serious disease, hospitalization, and death. Every person who is vaccinated contributes to safety.

Here is what you need to do over the next few weeks:

If you are already vaccinated:

If you are fully vaccinated and have registered with Employee Health Services (EHS) for a "Vaccinated" sticker for your ID card (whether you actually received the sticker or not), then you need do nothing more. If you are fully or partially vaccinated but have not registered with EHS, please do so now using the QR code below.

If you are unvaccinated:*

If you are not yet vaccinated, there is plenty of time for you to comply with the requirement that every employee get the first shot of vaccine by Monday, September 13. You can make a vaccine appointment at Mount Sinai using the QR code below, or check the New York State, New York City, New Jersey, or Connecticut websites for options.

This week, New York State announced a statewide vaccine mandate for all health care workers, effective Monday, September 27. New York State Health Commissioner Howard Zucker, MD, said, "The data and science tell us that getting more people vaccinated as quickly as possible is the best way to keep people safe, prevent further mutations, and enable us to resume our daily routines."

We agree completely. That was the thought that inspired us to institute our own mandate even before the state's announcement. We believe the steps we are taking now will lead directly to the brighter future we have hoped for since the beginning of this pandemic. Thank you in advance for helping us to get there.



** Please note: We will be allowing limited exemptions for medical reasons. To apply for an exemption, use the QR code below. Applications must be submitted by Monday, August 30, and will be reviewed by a committee. The criteria for medical exemptions are very narrow, and those who receive exemptions will have to undergo weekly PCR testing to help keep our patients and our Mount Sinai family safe.*