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COVID-19 Vaccine News & Infoi

TIMELY UPDATES

- On November 19, 2021, the CDC expanded eligibility for the COVID booster to all
 adults ages 18 and over who received a Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccine at least six
 months after their second dose. See: Press Release
- On October 29, 2021, the <u>Food and Drug Administration authorized the emergency use of Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine for children ages 5 11 after the review of data. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention has <u>also endorsed this decision</u>.
 The Biden Administration has <u>secured enough vaccines for all 28 million children in this age bracket</u>. Read President Biden's statement <u>here</u>.
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- After FDA authorization, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
 expanded eligibility for COVID-19 booster shots on October 21 for all three available
 COVID-19 vaccines in the United States. For individuals who received a PfizerBioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, the following groups are eligible for a
 booster shot at six months or more after their initial series:
 - 65 years and older
 - Age 18+ who live in long-term care settings
 - Age 18+ who have underlying medical conditions
 - Age 18+ who work or live in high-risk settings

For those who received the one-shot Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine, booster shots are recommended for those who are 18 and older and who were vaccinated two or more months ago. The CDC also allows eligible recipients to mix vaccines for a booster shot, regardless of what vaccine they initially received. See: Press Release

- On Friday, October 15, the Food and Drug Administration's vaccine advisory panel unanimously voted to recommend authorizing booster shots of Johnson & Johnson's one-dose coronavirus vaccine for people 18 years or older, at least 2 months after the first shot.
- The Food and Drug Administration's vaccine advisory panel on Thursday, October 14
 unanimously endorsed use of Moderna's Covid-19 booster shot for the elderly and
 younger people whose jobs, underlying health or other factors elevate their risk. The
 panel recommended giving the shots at least six months after initial immunization.
- New York State launched an outreach and implementation plan to ensure the availability and accessibility of booster doses statewide on Monday, September 27, 2021. The plan also includes a new dedicated website: NY.gov/Boosters
- The director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Friday, September 24, 2021 reversed a recommendation by an agency advisory panel that did not endorse booster shots of the Pfizer-BioNTech Covid vaccine for frontline and essential workers. Occupational risk of exposure will now be part of the consideration for the administration of boosters, which is consistent with the FDA determination. See: CDC recommends:
 - people 65 years and older and residents in long-term care settings **should** receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series,
 - people aged 50-64 years with <u>underlying medical conditions</u> should receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series,
 - people aged 18–49 years with <u>underlying medical conditions</u> **may** receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after

- their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series, based on their individual benefits and risks, and
- people aged 18-64 years who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional setting may receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series, based on their individual benefits and risks.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's vaccine advisory committee on September 23, 2021, endorsed the use of Pfizer and BioNTech's Covid-19 booster shot for people 65 and older, those living in a long-term care facility and those who may be at risk of developing severe disease. The experts approved a booster doses of Pfizer's Covid-19 vaccine to people ages 50 to 64 with underlying medical conditions and to anyone 18 and older at high risk of severe disease from breakthrough infections.. The one shot may be administered within 6 months of the second dose. See: The New York Times Updates
- The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) ratified an advisory board committee recommendation and authorized a single booster dose on Wednesday, September 22, 2021 of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for people 65 and older and individuals 18 through 64 years of age at high risk of severe COVID-19. The FDA says the vaccine booster can also be administered to people ages 18 to 64 whose jobs or institutional exposure to the coronavirus puts them at high risk of serious complications of COVID-19, including health care workers. A third shot of the vaccine can be given at least six months after completion of the two-dose regimen of the Pfizer vaccine, according to the authorization. Those shots could begin to be officially administered within the week.
- On September 17, 2021, advisers to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration voted on to recommend Covid vaccine booster shots for Americans 65 and older and those at high risk of severe illness. The panel also recommended that the FDA include healthcare workers and others at high risk of occupational exposure to the virus that causes COVID-19, such as teachers. See: https://www.cnbc.com/2021/09/17/fda-

<u>panel-begins-voting-on-pfizers-covid-booster-doses-rejecting-shots-for-general-</u> public.html

- On September 9, 2021, President Biden announced a six-point plan to address the surge of the Delta variant. See: https://www.whitehouse.gov/covidplan/
- Mayor de Blasio announced on Thursday, September 9, 2021 that the COVID-19
 vaccine mandate for New York City Department of Education staff, including
 teachers, will be expanded to include contract workers in pre-K, 3-K, day care, and
 after school programs. See: Media Transcript
- On August 23, 2021, the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved Pfizer and BioNTech's Covid-19 vaccine for people 16 and older making it the first to be fully licensed for use in the United States. The shot will now be marketed under the name Comirnaty (koe-mir'-na-tee). The FDA and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have monitoring systems in place to ensure that any safety concerns continue to be identified and evaluated in a timely fashion. See: Press
 - o August 23, 2021 Approval Letter Comirnaty
 - o Comirnaty Prescribing Information
 - o Cormirnaty and Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine | FDA
 - o Infographic: <u>FDA Vaccine Facts: The Path for Vaccines from Research to FDA Approval (PDF)</u>
- Mayor de Blasio announced on August 23, 2021 a vaccine mandate for teachers and employees of the Department of Education. Employees must show proof of first vaccine by September 27. See: <u>Press Release</u>
- Mayor de Blasio signed an <u>executive order</u> on August 16, 2021 requiring vaccination (at least one dose) of patrons (12 years and older), full- or part-time employees, interns, volunteers or contractors for indoor dining, gyms, including hotel gyms and fitness centers, and entertainment venues, which took effect on Tuesday for both customers and staff. The city released a full list of locations covered by the mandate, which will include museums, performing arts venues, aquariums and indoor areas at zoos and botanical gardens. In addition to restaurants, the mandate covers catering halls, hotel banquet rooms, nightclubs, bars, event spaces, cabarets, coffee shops,

- cafeterias, bakeries, fast food establishments and grocery stores where people dine on-site. See: <u>Press Release</u>
- Effective August 16 with full enforcement on September 13 the City of New York will require vaccinations for specific indoor activities, including indoor eateries, gyms and entertainment centers. The Key to NYC Pass, would encourage increased immunizations to combat the spread of the delta variant. See: Media Transcript This mandate applies to both employees and customers at each entity. Eligible forms of proof include:
 - The NY State Excelsior Pass
 - The City's new "COVID Safe" app, where you can store a picture of your vaccination card (download for <u>iOS</u> or <u>Android</u> devices)
 - Your paper CDC vaccination card
 - The NYC Health Department's Citywide Immunization Registry (CIR) collects New Yorkers' vaccine records. If you lose your vaccination card, you should be able to review your vaccination record here: <u>Citywide Immunization Registry NYC Health</u>
- The State Health Department issued orders on Monday, August 16, 2021 requiring
 all healthcare workers in New York State, including staff at hospitals and long-term
 care facilities (LTCF--nursing homes, adult care, and other congregate care settings)
 to be vaccinated against COVID-19 by Monday, September 27.
 Limited exceptions for those with religious or medical reasons will be permitted. See:
 Press Release
- On August 16, 2021, the State Department of Health authorized a third COVID-19 vaccine dose for New Yorkers with compromised immune systems, following the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's recommendation last week. Eligible New Yorkers can receive their third dose 28 days after the completion of their twodose vaccine series, effective immediately. See: Press Release
- On August 12, 2021, the FDA and CDC have authorized a third dose of Pfizer or Moderna for eligible immunocompromised individuals age 12+ in order to improve their immune response. According to research, some immunocompromised people need a three-dose instead of a two-dose vaccination regime in order to develop an

- immune response (and therefore, this is not a booster). Please see: covid-19-third-dose.pdf (nyc.gov) to view the NYC Health Department guidance for more information. If you are unsure whether you are eligible for a third dose, please speak with your health care provider.
- healthcare workers at state-run hospitals will be required to get vaccinated for COVID-19 by Labor Day. There will not be an option to be tested in lieu of vaccination for these patient-facing healthcare workers.

 The Governor also announced that all New York State employees—about 130,000 people—will be required to get vaccinated for COVID-19 by Labor Day. State employees who do not get vaccinated will be required to be tested for COVID-19 on a weekly basis. New York State is working with state unions to implement the requirement quickly and fairly. See: Press Release
- On Monday, July 26, 2021, the Mayor of New York City announced a mandate requiring all municipal employees either to get vaccinated or submit to weekly Covid-19 testing starting September 13, 2021. Starting August 9, 2021, unvaccinated city workers will be required to wear a mask indoors at their workplaces. Further, the City is mandating 45,000 City workers and contractors in residential and congregate care settings to be vaccinated or submit to weekly testing by August 16th. See: Press
- Mayor Bill de Blasio, announced on Wednesday, July 21, 2021, the Health
 Worker COVID-Safe Requirement. Beginning August 2, the City will require
 employees of NYC Health + Hospitals and employees working in Department of
 Health and Mental Hygiene clinical settings to provide either a one-time verification
 of immunization, or weekly proof of a negative COVID-19 test. See: Press Release
- MTA Vaccine Pop-Up Sites at Penn Station and Grand Central Terminal <u>are still available</u>: Get vaccinated and receive a free 7-day MetroCard. Each day, vaccinations will be provided to 300 individuals at each of the sites, on a first come, first serve basis. The two locations are:
 - o Penn Station, 34th Street Corridor, 3 p.m. 8 p.m.
 - o Grand Central Terminal Vanderbilt Hall, 8 a.m. 1 p.m.

- Governor Cuomo announced the closing of several mass vaccination sites, including Javits Center after vaccinations on Friday, July 9, 2021. See: Press Release
- Check out New York State Zip Code Vaccination Data on a new <u>Dashboard</u>
- The governor announced on May 27, that the pop-up vaccination sites at Grand Central Terminal and Penn Station will be extended for another week. New Yorkers can get a free seven-day MetroCard or a free round-trip Long Island Rail Road or Metro-North ticket after receiving the vaccine at these pop-up sites. See: Press Release
- Gov. Cuomo on May 26 announced a public college scholarship raffle of 50 prizes for children (12-17 years of age) who get their first dose of the Pfizer Covid-19 vaccination by July 7, 2021. Children who have already received their first dose are eligible for the raffle. Ten four-year, scholarships will be awarded every Wednesday through July 7, covering full tuition, room and board at any of New York's public colleges and universities. There will be 10 winners per week. Families can register at: ny.gov/vaccinescholarship. Federal COVID-19 relief and outreach funds will be used to cover the cost of this vaccination incentive program. See Press Release
- Governor Cuomo has announced that as of May 13, 2021, children ages 12-15 can
 join those 16+ in receiving the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. See: <u>Announcement</u> <u>Click</u>
 <u>here to find a vaccine location.</u>
- Governor Cuomo announced on May 24, that every person who gets vaccinated with either a first dose, or single dose of Johnson & Johnson, anywhere in New York State between May 24 and 31 is eligible to receive a free two-day pass to any New York State Park, valid through September 30, 2021. Passes can be picked up at any New York State Park. For more information about a "Shot in the Park" incentive, see: here
- On May 20, 2021, the governor announced seven new pop-up vaccination sites at airports in New York City, White Plains, Albany, Syracuse, Rochester and Buffalo.
 The sites will be open from May 24-May 28 for walk-in vaccinations on a first come, first-served basis utilizing the single dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine. See: Press
 Release

- On May 17, 2021, three new pop-up vaccination sites will open in collaboration with the MTA. Following a successful pilot, the new pop-up sites will be located at the following stations: 125th Street in Manhattan, Sutphin Boulevard-Archer Avenue-JFK Airport in Queens, and the LIRR's Hicksville train station. (See hours here.) If you get vaccinated at one of these stations, you will get a free 7-day MetroCard or commuter rail tickets. Four other pop-up sites (including Grand Central and Penn Station) will continue to operate.
- On May 16, Governor Cuomo announced <u>four pop-up vaccination sites at MTA</u>
 <u>station stops</u> will continue operating through Saturday, May 22 following the success
 of the pilot program. The stops include:
 - o Penn Station 34th Street Corridor

Open: 3 PM - 8 PM

o Grand Central Terminal - Vanderbilt Hall

Open: 8 AM - 1 PM

East 180th Street (Bronx)

Open: 8 AM - 1 PM

Broadway Junction (Brooklyn)

Open: 3 PM - 8 PM

- From May 12 through May 16, eight new pop-up vaccination sites <u>will open</u> at MTA stations in the New York City, Long Island and Mid-Hudson regions. Those who get vaccinated at these sites will receive a free seven-day MetroCard or a free round-trip Long Island Rail Road or Metro-North ticket.
- On May 10, 2021, Governor Cuomo announced that the SUNY and CUNY boards will require proof of vaccination for all students attending in-person classes this fall, See: <u>Announcement</u>
- Mayor de Blasio announced on May 10, 2021, that New Yorker's who get vaccinated can get free tickets & deals to:
 - o NYC Aquarium
 - o NY Botanical Garden
 - o Brooklyn Botanic Garden

- o Bronx Zoo
- Public Theater Membership
- Lincoln Center
- Brooklyn Cyclones
- o New York City Football Club
- o NYC Ferry Read more <u>here</u>. See: <u>Media Transcript</u>
- Beginning Thursday, April 29, all New York State mass vaccination sites will open to eligible New Yorkers for walk-in vaccination on a first-come, first-serve basis for all. The walk-in appointments are reserved for first doses only—second-dose appointments will be scheduled immediately after New Yorkers receive their first dose. This new approach means any eligible New Yorker age 16 and older will be able to walk into any mass vaccination site and walk out with a shot in arm, eliminating the need to make an appointment online or by phone.
- Beginning April 23, any eligible New Yorker can get vaccinated at any city-run site in any borough without having to make an appointment, Mayor Bill de Blasio announced Friday. New Yorkers who are 16 and 17 years old are only eligible for the Pfizer vaccine, which is the only one federally emergency-use authorized in the U.S. thus far. The City lists vaccine brands by site. Adolescents can walk in with a legal guardian and get vaccinated as well, no appointment necessary.
- **Beginning Friday, April 23,** 16 state-run mass vaccination sites will accept walkin appointments for individuals age **60 and older**. To find the list of the 16 sites visit here.
- Beginning April 17, 2021, New Yorkers ages 50 and older and a
 companion can walk into seven City-run sites and get vaccinated; no
 appointment necessary. For information, please visit the NYC Vaccine Command
 Center website. See: Press Release
- Beginning April 6, universal eligibility goes into effect and all New
 Yorkers 16 years of age and older will be eligible to receive the vaccine.
- Effective, March 30, New Yorkers 30 years of age and older are eligible for vaccination. https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-

<u>announces-new-yorkers-30-years-age-and-older-will-be-eligible-receive-</u> covid-19

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT VACCINATION-RELATED INFORMATION

- On September 9, 2021, President Biden outlined a six-point plan to increase vaccinations and address the surge of the Delta variant. In addition to requiring executive branch employees, health care workers and federal contractors to be vaccinated, the Labor Department's Occupational Safety and Health Administration will issue an Emergency Temporary Standard to introduce a vaccine requirement for companies with more than 100 workers. Companies that fail to comply could face fines of \$14,000 per violation. See: https://www.whitehouse.gov/covidplan/
- The CDC yesterday on May 12, 2021 <u>approved use of the Pfizer vaccine</u> for adolescents 12 to 15 years of age with parental permission. President Biden announced that more than 15,000 pharmacies nationwide will be ready to vaccinate this age group— and the first shot and second shot can be taken at different locations. Teens can walk up to these <u>Pfizer locations</u>.
- President Biden directs states to make vaccine available to all adults starting May 1,
 2021: <u>announcement</u>
- On March 8, 2021, the CDC issued Interim Public Health
 Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People, which provides guidance
 related to gatherings as well as isolation, quarantine, and testing. Click here to read
 the guidance. On March 10, 2021, CMS issued revised Nursing Home
 Visitation guidance. Click here to read the guidance and click here to read a fact
 sheet.
- With more than 32 million Americans completely vaccinated, the CDC on March 8,
 2021, <u>issued new, interim guidelines</u> as to how to visit safely with others. The CDC urges that even those vaccinated should continue to wear masks, practice physical distancing, and adhere to the other prevention measures when in public. It also recommends the vaccinated avoid medium- and large-sized in-person gatherings; and to get tested if experiencing COVID-19 symptoms (don't forget that there's still a

chance <u>you can catch COVID even if you're vaccinated</u>; it's likely to be a less severe case, but still best to be careful).

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention -CDC COVID-19 Vaccine
 Information: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html
- The website of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention now has a <u>landing</u>
 <u>page</u> for patients on COVID-19 vaccines, including a helpful primer on <u>8 Things to</u>
 <u>Know About the U.S. COVID-19 Vaccination Program</u>. The CDC will be unveiling a
 broader media campaign this month.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention launched a vaccination data page with jurisdiction-level data. The page tracks the total number of COVID-19 vaccines administered in the United States. You can find the tracker **here**.
- The CDC and NIH have developed weekly COVID-19 <u>state profile reports</u> for the public. See: <u>New York's data pages</u>.
- The <u>U.S. Federal Trade Commission</u> (FTC) is advising consumers to take the following steps to avoid becoming a victim of a coronavirus vaccine and testing scams:
 - Learn how to <u>tell the difference between</u> a real contact tracer and a scammer. Legitimate tracers need health information, not money or personal financial information.
 - Don't respond to texts, emails or calls about checks from the government. Here's what you need to know.
 - Ignore offers for vaccinations and miracle treatments or cures. Scammers are selling products to treat or prevent COVID-19 without proof that they work.
- Federal Retail Pharmacy Program for COVID-19 Vaccination: Beginning February 11, those eligible for the vaccine will have the opportunity to be vaccinated at no cost at select pharmacies across the country. This program represents a public-private partnership with 21 national pharmacy partners and networks of

independent pharmacies representing over 40,000 pharmacy locations nationwide. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) worked with states to select initial pharmacy partners based on a number of factors including their ability to reach some of the populations most at risk for severe illness from COVID-19. Americans should check their pharmacy's website to find out if vaccine is available. More information is available here.

NEW YORK STATE VACCINATION-RELATED INFORMATION

- Governor Hochul is encouraging all vaccinated New Yorkers living or working in a
 high transmission area to get a booster, notwithstanding federal provisions, as
 Thanksgiving approaches and infection rates increase. See: <u>Transcript</u>
- On November 9, 2021, the Governor announced that New York will raffle off 50 full scholarships to any state public college or university for children age 5 to 11 as part of the State's effort to get more youth vaccinated. See: <u>Press Release</u>
- On November 5, 2021, the State unveiled new guidance and additional resources for parents
 - New Website For Parents And Guardians With Answers To Frequently Asked Questions, Resources And Locations Where Children Can Get Vaccinated Against Covid-19 ny.gov/Vaxforkids
 - Department Of Health Issues <u>Clinical Guidance For Healthcare</u>
 <u>Providers</u> Based On CDC Recommendations
- On November 3, 2021, Governor Kathy Hochul signed legislation (S.4807-A/A.6476)
 that enables licensed pharmacists to administer the COVID-19 vaccine permanently.
 See: <u>Press Release</u>
- New York State launched an outreach and implementation plan to ensure the availability and accessibility of booster doses statewide on Monday, September 27, 2021. The plan also includes a new dedicated website: NY.gov/Boosters

- New York State Department of Health Vaccine Hub and Facts page https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/
- The Governor directed the Department of Financial Services to extend the emergency regulation requiring all health insurers to waive co-pays for the COVID-19 vaccine until April 30. The extension of this regulation and guidance will help to ensure there are no barriers to New Yorkers accessing the vaccine as the State continues to implement its vaccine administration plan and get every New Yorker vaccinated.
- The New York State Department of Financial Services issued a <u>directive</u> on December 16, 2020 requiring all insurers to cover the administration of the COVID-19 vaccines at no cost-sharing by the patient.
- Both the Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines are mRNA vaccines. New York
 State released a video explaining how these vaccines work to safely protect
 individuals from COVID-19. Three key things to know: They do not affect your own
 genetic material or DNA; they do not contain the actual COVID-19 virus; and they
 cannot give the recipient COVID. <u>Watch the video.</u>
- NYS Hotline focused on vaccine-related fraud. New Yorkers who suspect
 fraud in the vaccine distribution process can now call 833-VAX-SCAM
 (833-829-7226) toll-free or email the state Department of Health at
 STOPVAXFRAUD@health.ny.gov. Hotline staff will route complaints to the
 appropriate investigative agencies to ensure New Yorkers are not being taken
 advantage of as the State works to vaccinate the entire eligible population.
- New York State is encouraging eligible New Yorkers to train to become
 vaccinators. If you are a licensed practical nurse, a dentist, an EMT, a medical or
 nursing student with at least a year of clinical experience, and more then you may
 be eligible to take training to become a vaccinator and help New York administer
 COVID vaccines over the coming months. See how you can get involved here.

• New York is following updated CDC quarantine guidelines for fully vaccinated individuals. On February 10, 2021, the CDC announced that individuals who have received both vaccine doses, and at least two weeks have passed since the second dose, are no longer required to quarantine if they are exposed to someone who is infected with the virus. New York is updating guidance to follow the CDC. All New Yorkers, including those who have been fully vaccinated, should continue to wear masks, social distance, and be smart until herd immunity is reached.

• New York State's COVID-19 Vaccination Program:

https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/NYS COVID

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- Vaccine sites are also being added in order to facilitate an increased number
 of New Yorkers getting vaccinated. For more information and to schedule an
 appointment if you currently qualify for a vaccine, follow this link:
 https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-vaccine-locations.page
- Once New Yorkers become eligible for the vaccine, they can complete an
 online webform https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/ and will then be
 directed to a list of providers near them to schedule an appointment.
- New York State regional vaccination hubs led by local hospital systems to coordinate administration of vaccine with State and local community networks: <u>Details Here</u>
- Task Force chaired by Secretary of State Rossana Rosado, Attorney General Letitia James, National Urban League President & CEO Marc Morial, and Healthfirst President & CEO Pat Wang. The Task Force will work to ensure vulnerable and underserved communities are not left behind by breaking down the barriers to vaccination and ensuring there is equitable distribution of the vaccine across the state. The State will also develop community vaccination kits to set up sites to administer the vaccine. See: Press Release

- o More than 2 million individuals are now eligible to be vaccinated as part of Phase 1A. On January 4, 2021, the list of eligible New Yorkers was expanded again to include all doctors, nurses and health care staff who come in contact with the public; ambulatory centers staff; and all public health care workers who provide direct in-person care, including those who conduct COVID-19 tests and handle lab specimens. Beginning this week, eligibility will also be expanded to include home care workers, hospice workers, and nursing home and other congregate setting workers who have yet to receive a vaccine through the federal nursing home vaccination program. See the full list, including previously announced priority groups, here.
- A new state web application launched on January 4, 2021, will help New Yorkers determine if they are eligible to get the vaccine. By answering a series of simple questions, New Yorkers can find out if they are eligible for the vaccine and, if so, where to make an appointment. See if you're eligible here.
- The Governor announced that to date (January 5, 2020) 3,762 providers have applied and been approved by the state to serve as vaccination sites.
 Currently, 636 locations are now activated and are able to begin vaccinating eligible New Yorkers. To view press release and regional breakdown of sites click here
- New York State has opted into the federal government's nursing home vaccination program. Under the federal program, employees of CVS and Walgreens will vaccinate residents and staff at these facilities, much like they do for the flu vaccine. We expect deliveries for this program to begin arriving next week and the federal administration program to begin by December 21st. New York is dedicating a portion of our initial 170,000 doses to this program. Portions of future state allocations will also be used to help complete the program and ensure all residents and staff are vaccinated.
- The CDC has agreed to remove requirements on vaccine reporting data that could have been used to identify immigration status. This means that New York will not send any personally identifying information to the federal

government in vaccine distribution—ensuring that no one feels dissuaded from getting vaccinated due to immigration status.

VACINATION INCENTIVES: (EXAMPLES--MAKE SURE TO ASK)

- On November 10, 2021, Governor Hochul launched incentive program Vaccinate, Educate, Graduate for 5-11-year-old children to win a full scholarship to a public higher education institution. Parents and Guardians of 5- To 11-Year-Olds Who Receive Their First Vaccine Dose by December 19 Can Enter Into the Random Drawing Here Drawing Schedule Available Here Drawings begin Nov. 24. 10 winners per week for 5 weeks. See: Press Release The scholarship includes tuition, room and board.
- Starting Friday, July 30, 2021, New Yorkers and city employees who get their first shot at a city-run site will be eligible for a \$100 pre-paid debit card. Check out sites around the five boroughs: Home Vax4NYC
- New York State is partnering with six public transportation providers in Upstate New York to incentivize more New Yorkers to get vaccinated. Anyone who shows proof of vaccination from June 15 to July 14 at participating transportation redemption centers will receive an unlimited seven-day public transportation pass. Participating providers include the Capital District Transportation Authority, Greater Glens Falls Transit, Rochester-Genesee Regional Transportation Authority, Central New York Regional Transportation Authority, Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit and Broome County Transit. Learn more.
- New York's "Vax and Scratch" Lottery program is extended through June 11. Get vaccinated at any of 10 state vaccination sites and receive a free NYS Lottery scratch-off ticket with a grand prize of \$5 million. Must be 18+ to participate. Learn more.
- The governor announced that New York's 'Vax & Scratch' program has been extended through June 4. Get vaccinated at any of 10 state vaccination sites and receive a free NYS Lottery scratch off ticket with a grand prize of \$5 million. Must be 18 or older to participate. Learn more.

- Gov. Cuomo on May 26 announced a public college scholarship raffle for newly eligible children who get their first dose of the Pfizer Covid-19 vaccination **by July 7, 2021.** Children (12-17 yrs. of age) who have already received their first dose are eligible for the raffle. Ten four-year scholarships will be awarded every Wednesday through July 7, or 50 in total, covering full tuition, room and board at any of New York's public colleges and universities. Families can register at: ny.gov/vaccinescholarship See: Press Release
- Vaccine Incentives from City-Run Sites, starting Tuesday, May 25:
 Individuals who receive their first vaccine dose on or after May 25 at New York
 City-run sites are eligible to choose one of the incentives (free tickets, gift cards,
 and memberships) and to enter a competition to win exclusive prizes (the
 competition is only open to those 18-years and older). Once their first COVID-19
 vaccine dose is complete, individuals will receive emailed instructions on how to
 select their incentive and how to enter the competition. For more information,
 see: https://www1.nyc.gov/site/coronavirus/vaccines/vaccine-incentives.page
- Mayor de Blasio announced on May 25, 2021 that Individuals 16 and older, who get their COVID-19 vaccine at The Pennsy Food Hall, located outside of Madison Square Garden, will have a chance to win Knick tickets. The Pennsy Food Hall, located on 2 Pennsylvania Plaza in Manhattan, will offer COVID-19 vaccines Tuesday and Thursday for the next two weeks between 10:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. No appointment is needed. See: Press Release
- Governor Cuomo announced on May 24, that every person who gets vaccinated with either a first dose, or single dose of Johnson & Johnson, anywhere in New York State between May 24 and 31 is eligible to receive a free two-day pass to any New York State Park, valid through September 30, 2021. Passes can be picked up at any New York State Park. For more information about a "Shot in the Park" incentive, see: here
- Starting May 24th through May 28th, state residents who get a COVID-19 shot at one of 10 state-run vaccine clinics could win a first prize of \$5 million. In the Vax and Scratch pilot program, individuals will receive a free ticket for the Mega Multiplier Lottery. Anyone who has a ticket has a one-in-nine chance of winning something. The initiative will be available at the following vaccination sites:

- New York State Fairgrounds, Syracuse
- SUNY Polytechnic Institute, Utica
- Rochester Dome Arena, Rochester
- University at Buffalo, Buffalo
- Javits Center, Manhattan
- Medgar Evers College, Brooklyn
- York College, Queens
- SUNY Stony Brook, Stony Brook
- Bay Eden, The Bronx
- National Guard Armory, Yonkers

See: Press Release

- <u>The American Museum of Natural History</u> is giving away up to four free museum tickets for anyone who gets vaccinated under the big blue whale at its venue.
- <u>Nathan's in Coney Island, Brooklyn is giving a free hot dog</u> to anyone who shows proof that they got vaccinated that same day.
- Both <u>Lyft</u> and <u>Uber</u> are offering free or discounted rides to unvaccinated individuals headed to their COVID-19 vaccine appointment.
- Starting May 19th, the New York Mets and New York Yankees are offering
 individuals the opportunity to get vaccinated before games and if you get
 vaccinated at Citi Field or at Yankee Stadium, you receive a free ticket to an
 upcoming/future ballgame.
- Until May 31st, Junior's Cheesecake is giving away a free mini-cheesecake to anyone who shows proof that they've been vaccinated. The offer is available either at Junior's Downtown Brooklyn or Times Square, Manhattan locations.
- Through May 31st, White Castle is offering a free dessert-on-a-stick to anyone with proof of vaccination.
- Through May 31st, Vitamin Shoppe is offering one free "full-size healthy snack or drink product" away to customers with proof of vaccination.
- Staples, Office Depot, and Office Max are offering to laminate your vaccine cards for free. Both Office Depot and Office Max's offers are through July 25th, while Staples has no end date at this time.

 Krispy Kreme is offering one free glazed donut to anyone who shows proof of vaccination at its locations.

EXCELSIOR PASS/VACCINATION RECORDS

- As of November 8, New Yorkers who received a booster or additional dose can retrieve their Excelsior Vaccination Pass *Plus* which includes all COVID-19 doses received to date. If you retrieved your Excelsior Vaccination Pass *Plus* before this update, visit epass.ny.gov to acquire a new Excelsior Vaccination Pass *Plus* at any time. Following the November 8 update, New Yorkers can expect their booster or additional doses to be posted 3-4 days after receiving their shot.
- On October 5, 2021, Governor Hochul announced that New York State's Excelsior
 Pass Scanner app—the free companion app for businesses—has been updated to
 enable the validation of <u>SMART Health Cards</u> from trusted issuers outside of New
 York State based on federal and state COVID-19 guidance. The app can be
 downloaded for free by any business or venue in the United States. See: <u>Press</u>
 Release
- To correct errors in your vaccine records: Call the NYC Health Department Citywide Immunization Registry (CIR) at 347-396-2400, or send an email to cir@health.nyc.gov to ask for assistance. The CIR website is: https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/services/cir-parents-guardians.page
- For assistance with the State's Excelsior Pass—addressing technical issues: Call Excelsior Pass Technical Support at 844-699-7277. You can also request assistance online at: on.ny.gov/epass-help.
- The Excelsior pass, (NYS's digital proof of vaccination), has been extended to 365 days. It was originally intended for 180 days. The following news media article reports that anyone who had previously downloaded an Excelsior Pass may download a new version to take advantage of the extension: https://patch.com/new-york/peekskill/nys-excelsior-pass-vaccination-proof-now-valid-1-year. For more information about the Excelsior Pass, visit: https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/excelsior-pass-what-you-need-know, and to download the Pass, visit: https://epass.ny.gov/home.

VACCINATION ROLL OUT, ELIGIBILITY & UPDATES IN NEW YORK

- Each New York City public school serving 5- to 11-year-old students will host a one-day Pfizer COVID vaccine clinic, starting November 8, 2021, Mayor Bill de Blasio announced on October 3, 2021. Schools will require parents or guardians to accompany their children. If they cannot, another adult must go with the child and then call the parent or guardian in order to provide verbal consent for the vaccinations. See Media Transcript
- Inpatient hospital staff at the Office of Mental Health and Office for People with Developmental Disabilities hospitals must receive their first COVID-19 vaccine dose by Nov. 1, said Gov. Kathy Hochul on Tuesday, October 5. Ahead of that requirement, staff in these settings will be required to submit to weekly testing, if unvaccinated, beginning October 12. See: Press Release
- On October 7, the State vaccine requirement will take effect for covered personnel at additional facilities regulated by the Department of Health, including adult care facilities, home health agencies, long-term home health care programs, AIDS home care programs, hospice care, and diagnostic and treatment centers. See <u>Health</u> <u>Department Order</u>
- On August 16, 2021, The governor announced a vaccine mandate for personnel at facilities regulated by the State Department of Health, including hospitals and nursing homes, effective September 27, 2020. See: <u>Press Release</u>
- MTA and Port Authority employees working in New York facilities will be required to either be vaccinated or get weekly testing starting Labor Day. Employee-only vaccination sites will increase access for these workforces. See: <u>Press Release</u>
- Beginning Thursday, April 29, all New York State mass vaccination sites will open to eligible New Yorkers for walk-in vaccination on a first-come, first-serve basis for all. The walk-in appointments are reserved for first doses only—second-dose appointments will be scheduled immediately after New Yorkers receive their first dose. This new approach means any eligible New Yorker

- age 16 and older will be able to walk into any mass vaccination site and walk out with a shot in arm, eliminating the need to make an appointment online or by phone.
- Beginning Friday, April 23, 16 state-run mass vaccination sites will accept walkin appointments for individuals age 60 and older. To find the list of the 16 sites visit here.
- Beginning April 17, 2021, New Yorkers ages 50 and older can walk into any City-run vaccination site and get vaccinated; no appointment necessary. For information, please visit the NYC Vaccine Command Center website. See: Press Release
- Beginning April 6, universal eligibility goes into effect and all New
 Yorkers 16 years of age and older will be eligible to receive the vaccine.
- Effective, March 30, New Yorkers 30 years of age and older are eligible for vaccination. https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-announces-new-yorkers-30-years-age-and-older-will-be-eligible-receive-covid-19
- Effective March 23, 2021, at 8 a.m., New Yorkers 50 years of age and older are eligible to receive the vaccine.
- Pharmacies can vaccinate New Yorkers with qualifying health conditions. Previously, pharmacies were exclusively vaccinating New Yorkers age 60+ and seniors. If you are eligible for the vaccine due to an <u>underlying health</u> condition or comorbidity, contact your local pharmacy or check the <u>VaccineFinder</u> website to see if there are available vaccine appointments at a pharmacy near you.
- Pharmacies have expanded their vaccination appointments to include those 60+, P12 school faculty and staff, and child care workers—previously, pharmacies could
 vaccinate only those 65+.(March 10, 2021)
- Effective March 17, most vaccination sites will be able to vaccinate any eligible New Yorker, no matter the category, depending on supply. Any vaccine provider will be able to vaccinate any eligible New Yorker, excluding pharmacies, which will focus on individuals over the age of 60 and teachers, in line

- with federal policy. Pharmacies may begin vaccinating individuals over the age of 60 and teachers March 10.
- The list of New Yorkers currently eligible and those soon-to-be-eligible to receive the vaccine in NYC can be found here.
- Beginning March 10, 2021, New Yorkers 60 years of age and older are eligible for the vaccination. See: Press Release
- Public facing government, nonprofit, and building services essential workers will be eligible to receive the vaccine starting on March 17.
- Several new groups of New Yorkers are now eligible to receive the vaccine, including essential workers within the food and hotel industries:
 - Regional food bank paid or unpaid workers
 - o Food pantry paid or unpaid workers
 - o Permitted home-delivered meal program paid or unpaid workers
 - Hotel workers who have direct contact with guests
- Hotel workers can be added to Phase 1B vaccine eligibility at the discretion of local governments. Hotels in many parts of the state serve as quarantine areas for COVID-positive persons to isolate themselves from their families. In turn, the staff at these facilities are being exposed to COVID regularly. Given the overall increase to the State's supply and the essential health care service that these hotel workers provide, the governor granted localities the flexibility to add hotel workers to the 1B vaccine prioritization group. See: Press Release
- New Yorkers with qualifying comorbidities and pre-existing conditions. These New Yorkers will be able to make appointments at state-run mass vaccination sites beginning **Sunday**, **February 14**, with vaccinations beginning Monday, February 15. Local health departments will determine how, where and when to schedule appointments in their jurisdictions, and those appointments will begin as early as February 15. New Yorkers will have to provide documentation as required by the facility where they are getting vaccinated—the exact form of documentation will be determined by local governments, but may be either a doctor's letter, medical information evidencing comorbidity, or a certification.

- Starting Monday, January 11, 2021, the State has opened vaccination appointments to a larger pool of people who are classified as essential and front-line workers, including
 - First responders (local police, State Police, Sheriff's Office employees, professional and volunteer firefighters);
 - EMS workers (including professional and volunteer paramedics and EMTs);
 - Education workers (pre-K through 12 teachers and education workers, in-class higher education instructors; licensed and registered childcare providers, and school-bus drivers);
 - Public transit workers (airline and airport employees, passenger railroad employees, subway and mass transit employees, ferry employees, Port Authority employees, and public bus drivers);
 - o Public safety workers; and
 - o People over the age of 75.
- Group 1A New Yorkers (health care workers, including independent health care
 workers, home care workers, and hospice workers) can continue to schedule an
 appointment at participating hospitals and designated community vaccine sites.
 Please visit https://am-i-eligible.covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/ and
 https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-vaccine-locations.page.
- New Yorkers aged 65 and older are now eligible for the Covid-19 vaccine under new federal guidance announced Tuesday, January 12, 2021. Gov. Andrew Cuomo said the state has accepted a Trump administration policy that expands eligibility to individuals aged 65-plus and those who are immunocompromised adding at least another 1.8 million New Yorkers to the list of eligible vaccine recipients.
- Click <u>Here</u> to Determine Eligibility and Schedule Appointments with Administrating Providers, including community-based locations.

- Eligibility determinations and a list of nearby providers where appointments can be also be scheduled through New York's new 'Am I Eligible " app.
- New Yorkers can begin calling the New York State Vaccination Hotline at 4PM on Monday, January 11: 1-833-NYS-4VAX (1-833-697-4829). The COVID-19 Vaccination Hotline is open 7AM - 10PM, 7 days a week, for scheduling vaccination appointments for eligible New Yorkers.
- Supply of vaccine is very limited and will fluctuate daily, so you may not be able to make an appointment right away.
- Vaccine sites are scheduling appointments no more than a couple of weeks out because there is uncertainty about vaccine supply.
- New York will expand to a larger provider network for vaccine distribution. To assist with Phase 1B vaccine administration and those 65+, the expanded network will include doctor networks, Federally Qualified Health Centers, county health departments, ambulatory centers and pharmacies. Starting the week of January 11, 500 pharmacies will come online to assist in the vaccine distribution. All of these new providers will begin accepting vaccination reservations on Monday. See: Announcement, Sites and Providers

Vaccination Sites & Administration

- Governor Hochul announced that 10 of New York State's mass vaccination sites will now be administering COVID-19 vaccines to newly eligible 5 to 11 year-olds. In NYC, Medgar Evers College site in Brooklyn and the Bay Eden Senior Center in the Bronx will accept children. See: Press Release Parents and guardians are also encouraged to visit the State's new website, ny.gov/VaxForKids, for information, frequently asked questions and new resources about the COVID-19 vaccine for children.
- On November 12 and 17, 2021, the governor announced additional sites for the
 #VaxtoSchool Bus. See: Press Release Nov 17th Press Release
- Governor Kathy Hochul announced on September 27, 2021 two new pop-up vaccination sites
 in collaboration with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority. The sites will be at the
 Broadway Junction and E. 180 St subway stations, strategically located in areas where
 vaccination rates remain low. The program continues to provide anyone, including those

visiting New York, the opportunity to get vaccinated without needing to set an appointment — and with the incentive of a free 7-day MetroCard or a free round trip LIRR or Metro-North ticket.

- The pop-up vaccination sites at Penn Station and Grand Central Terminal have been extended through July 10. Individuals who get vaccinated at either of these pop-up sites <u>can receive</u> a free 7-day Unlimited MetroCard or two one-way Metro-North or LIRR tickets.
- On July 7, 2021, Governor Cuomo announced the closing of several mass vaccination sites, including Javits Center after vaccinations on Friday, July 9, 2021. See: Press
 Release
 The State will partner with local organizations to focus on areas with low-vaccination rates.
- On Thursday, June 17, 2021, Governor Cuomo today announced 12 new pop-up vaccination sites will open in areas where zip code data shows the vaccination rate is significantly lower than the statewide average. All sites are open for walk-in service, on a f first-come, first served basis. New sites are opening in Brooklyn and the Bronx. See: Press Release
- On Tuesday, June 15, 2021, the mayor announced a vaccination site at the Empire State Building. Individuals 12 years and older can receive their first dose of the Pfizer vaccine on the 80th floor of the Building for three consecutive weekends: June 18-20, June 15-27, and July 2-4 from 8:00 AM noon. Second-dose appointments will be made on-site. Those receiving their first vaccine dose will be afforded the opportunity to go up to the 86th floor outdoor deck and enjoy the view at no cost.
- On Thursday, June 10, the Governor announced two new pop-up vaccination sites:

The **Empire State Building Observatory site**, established in partnership with SOMOS Community Care, will operate from Friday, June 11 to Sunday, June 13, and the first 100 individuals who get vaccinated at the site will receive a free ticket to the Empire State Observatory: 20 W. 34th St. | Fr-Su, 7:30-11:30a.

The **College of Staten Island**, established in partnership with Northwell Health, will operate from Friday, June 11 to Thursday, June 17, and will participate in the State's 'Vax & Scratch' Program.

Based on demand, sites may be extended beyond this initial timeframe.

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- In-home vaccinations are available to any NYCHA resident 12+ or employee/retiree of the City of New York in addition to anyone who is 75+, has a disability, or is homebound. Request an appointment by completing this form or calling 877-829-4692 (this doesn't guarantee an appointment; FDNY personnel will call to confirm eligibility). On that call, household members (family and home health aides) can also request to be vaccinated during the in-home appointment.
- The Governor announced on June 7, 2021, the launch of additional pop-up vaccination sites in areas with low-vaccination rates. Locations include The Bronx, Brooklyn and Far Rockaway, among other sites. Dates vary. See: announcement

Penn Station, 34th Street Corridor, 3 p.m. - 8 p.m. Grand Central Terminal - Vanderbilt Hall, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

- A new pop-up vaccination site will open at Belmont Park to coincide with the 2021 Belmont Stakes. The site will operate adjacent to the Clubhouse Entrance of Belmont Park on Friday, June 4, from 12pm to 6pm and on Saturday, June 5, from 9am to 5pm. Racing fans who get vaccinated at the site will receive complimentary general admission to the 2022 Belmont Stakes.
- "NYC Youth Vax Week," a week-long initiative to address misinformation regarding the COVID-19 vaccine and encourage parents and guardians to allow their children 12 years and older to get the authorized Pfizer vaccine kicked off on June 2 in New York City. The City will host 'Youth Vax Block Parties' at popular parks in each borough. The parties will each have a vaccine bus providing the Pfizer vaccine

stationed in its proximity, and families can enjoy food, music and other activities. See: Announcement with Details

- As of May 13, youth ages 12-15 are eligible to receive the Pfizer COVID vaccine, with parental permission. See: <u>Announcement</u> <u>Click here to find a vaccine</u>
 location.
- On May 20, 2021, the governor announced seven new pop-up vaccination sites at airports in New York City, White Plains, Albany, Syracuse, Rochester and Buffalo.
 The sites will be open from May 24-May 28 for walk-in vaccinations on a first come, first-served basis utilizing the single dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine. See: Press
 Release
- On May 17, 2021, three new pop-up vaccination sites will open in collaboration with the MTA. Following a successful pilot, the new pop-up sites will be located at the following stations: 125th Street in Manhattan, Sutphin Boulevard-Archer Avenue-JFK Airport in Queens, and the LIRR's Hicksville train station. (See hours here.) If you get vaccinated at one of these stations, you will get a free 7-day MetroCard or commuter rail tickets. Four other pop-up sites (including Grand Central and Penn Station) will continue to operate.
- On May 16, Governor Cuomo announced <u>four pop-up vaccination sites at MTA</u>
 <u>station stops</u> will continue operating through Saturday, May 22 following the success
 of the pilot program. The stops include:
 - o Penn Station 34th Street Corridor

Open: 3 PM - 8 PM

o Grand Central Terminal - Vanderbilt Hall

Open: 8 AM - 1 PM

East 180th Street (Bronx)

Open: 8 AM - 1 PM

o Broadway Junction (Brooklyn)

Open: 3 PM - 8 PM

• From May 12 through May 16, eight new pop-up vaccination sites <u>will open</u> at MTA stations in the New York City, Long Island and Mid-Hudson regions. Those who get

- vaccinated at these sites will receive a free seven-day MetroCard or a free round-trip Long Island Rail Road or Metro-North ticket.
- Check out a listing of current Manhattan vaccination sites, including hospital
 networks and pharmacies: https://www.manhattanbp.nyc.gov/testing-and-vaccines/#vax-sites All City-run sites and State mass vaccination sites now accept
 walk-ins for anyone 16+ (May 4, 2021)
- On April 19, 2021, Mayor de Blasio announced the opening of the American Museum
 of Natural History vaccine site. This site, which operates from 8 am to 6 pm, FridayTuesday, prioritizes public housing residents and staff, cultural
 workers and members of DC 37 but gives access to the general public as well. Read
 more here See: Press Release
- Bodega associations will receive 1,000 doses of Johnson & Johnson to vaccinate bodega workers during April 2021. Members can email United Bodegas of America (mamayor0307@yahoo.com) or the Yemeni American Merchants Association (info@yamausa.org) to register for an appointment. Once the 1,000 appointments are gone, bodega workers can click here to see how to register for an appointment at a City, State, pharmacy, or private site.
- On April2, 2021, the Governor announced the opening of 18 new community-based pop-up vaccination sites at houses of worship, community centers, gathering spaces, and local businesses. A full list of new locations can be found here.
- Appointments are available at ten new state-run mass vaccination sites across the state. All ten sites will open on Friday, March 19, and will operate from 8:00am to 7:00pm daily. Each site will have the ability to vaccinate more than one thousand New Yorkers daily dependent on supply from the federal government. Appointments at the sites located in New York City, Long Island, Hudson Valley, Capital Region, Southern Tier, Mohawk Valley and Western New York regions available for booking at ny.gov/GetVaccinated or by calling the NYS COVID-19 Vaccine Hotline at 1-833-NYS-4-VAX (1-833-697-4829).

- If you are eligible, you can use the <u>NYC Vaccine Finder</u> to find a vaccination location near you and make an appointment.
- Check <u>SOMOS</u> vaccine sites.
- New York-Presbyterian has created a hotline to offer aid with scheduling for eligible New Yorkers: 646-838-0319.
- The governor announced on March 3, 2021, that domestic travelers will no longer be required to quarantine or test-out within 90 days of full vaccination. International Travelers Must Continue to Follow CDC Guidance. See: Press Release
- The governor announced on March 4, 2021 that 12 Community-Based Pop-Up Vaccination Sites are coming online this week to vaccinate more than 4,000 New Yorkers throughout the week. Read Press Release. With increased federal supply, New York will continue to establish these sites at all 33 NYCHA senior housing developments, and 300 churches and cultural centers.
- New York State is launching a new pilot program to begin administering the Johnson & Johnson's single-dose vaccine to eligible New Yorkers during the overnight hours at the Yankee Stadium, Javits Center and New York State Fair Mass Vaccination Sites. As part of this effort, thousands of new appointments will be made available at each of the three sites in the coming days. Counties, pharmacies, and Federally Qualified Health Centers will also be receiving Johnson & Johnson allocations this week.
 - Eligible Bronx Residents seeking appointments being made available at Yankee Stadium as part of this pilot program, should visit <u>Somosvaccinations.com</u> or call 1-833-SomosNY, beginning at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, March 3.
 - Eligible New Yorkers seeking appointments at the Javits Center or New York State Fair sites can do so by utilizing New York's <u>'Am I Eligible' website</u> or by calling the state's COVID-19 Vaccination Hotline at 1-833-NYS-4-VAX (1-833-697-4829).

This pilot will not impact ongoing operations focused on administering the
 Pfizer vaccine. Specific pilot details for each site are as follows:

Yankee Stadium (Bronx Residents Only)

Address: 1 E 161 St, The Bronx, NY 10451

Pilot Start Date: Thursday, March 4

Pilot Hours of Operation: 8 p.m. - 7 a.m.

Appointments:

Appointments go live at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, March 3
Eligible Bronx Residents seeking appointments should visit
Somosyaccinations.com or call 1-833-SomosNY

• Starting at 8 a.m. on Thursday, March 4, eligible New Yorkers will be able to schedule a vaccination appointment at the Javits Center during their extended hours: from 9 p.m. – 6 a.m. This is a pilot program by the state to provide the one-time Johnson & Johnson vaccination to New Yorkers. Appointments during these hours will be available until the initial supply of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine is used.

Javits Center

Address: 429 11th Ave, New York, NY 10001

Appointments: Eligible New Yorkers seeking appointments should visit New York's 'Am I Eligible' website or call the state's COVID-19 Vaccination Hotline at 1-833-NYS-4-VAX (1-833-697-4829).

- Looking for scheduling tips, available appointments, or assistance, check out the New York COVID-19 Information Facebook page at: https://www.facebook.com/groups/204675344701435
- Medgar Evers College and York College vaccination centers open
 February 24, 2021 by appointment. Both these sites, established in partnership with FEMA, will vaccinate 3,000 New Yorkers a day, seven days a week.

- For the Medgar Evers College vaccination center, eligible New Yorkers who live in the following ZIP codes can book an appointment today: 11207, 11212, 11208, 11206, 11233, 11213, 11221, 11226, 11236, 11216, 11225, 11210, 11203, 11238.
- For the York College vaccination center, eligible residents in these ZIP codes can book today: 11436, 11434, 11433, 11419, 11413, 11412, 11422, 11429, 11420, 11411, 11418, 11435, 11428, 11423, 11432, 11427, 11439, 11691, 11692, 11693.
- On Saturday ,February 27, 2021, scheduling opens to any eligible resident of Queens or Brooklyn. If you're eligible, schedule your appointment <u>HERE</u> or by calling 1-833-967-4829. Starting Wednesday, you can also head over to either site in person to schedule an appointment if you are eligible.
- Beginning March 1, the MTA will launch a pilot program to enhance bus services to help get New Yorkers to mass vaccination sites in Brooklyn and Queens. The bus service route will go from Edgemere Houses in Queens and Pink Houses in Brooklyn to the vaccination sites from 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. and add new bus stops adjacent to the vaccination site at York College.
- The State is opening two mass vaccination sites in socially vulnerable communities in collaboration with the federal government. The two sites will be established at York College in Queens and Medgar Evers College in Brooklyn. Opening the week of February 24, these two sites will vaccinate approximately 3,000 New Yorkers a day over an eight-week period. See: Press Release
- The state will open 20 mass vaccination sites over the next several weeks, including Javits Center in New York City on January 13, 2021. See: <u>Press Release</u>
- On Friday, February 5, 2021, a mass vaccination site at Yankee Stadium will open through a partnership among New York State, New York City, SOMOS Community Care, the New York National Guard, and the New York Yankees. This site will be reserved specifically for Bronx residents. If you're a Bronx resident who is eligible for

- the vaccine, schedule an appointment by visiting Somosvaccinations.com or by calling 1-833-SOMOSNY.
- Thirty-five pop-up vaccination sites are coming online this week at churches, community centers, public housing complexes and cultural centers across the state. These sites are expected to vaccinate over 25,000 people throughout the week, with more sites coming online every week. Since January 15, the deployment of community vaccination kits has enabled nearly 9,000 New Yorkers to receive their first COVID-19 vaccine dose, often in communities where there are very limited health care options. Learn more. (Feb. 2, 2021)
- **Governor Cuomo** announced on Sunday, January 24 that New York will expand its current deployment of vaccination kits to more communities around the State.
 - o Four additional NYCHA sites will receive vaccination kits.
 - o Additional churches will receive vaccination kits as well.
 - Work is underway to deploy to all 33 NYCHA senior housing
 developments in order to provide seniors with easier access to vaccines.
 - This effort will expand into public housing complexes throughout New York and to more than **300** churches. Read more <u>here</u>.
- As of January 19, 2021, five new State-run vaccination sites opened
 across New York State. Vaccination sites at SUNY Stony Brook, the Aqueduct
 Racetrack in Queens, SUNY Potsdam, SUNY Buffalo and Plattsburgh International
 Airport are open and vaccinating eligible New Yorkers against the COVID-19 virus.
 Vaccinations are by appointment only.
- New York State and New York-Presbyterian Hospital launched a new vaccination site for eligible New Yorkers in Washington Heights on January 14, 2021. This new site, at Fort Washington Armory in Upper Manhattan, was made possible thanks to a partnership with Weill Cornell Medicine and Columbia University Irving Medical Center. The site is offering vaccinations to New Yorkers age 65 and up and appointments can be scheduled online through the NewYork-Presbyterian Connect Online Patient Portal. Appointments are required.

- Gov. Cuomo signed an executive order to expand the types of professions of
 who can administer a vaccine to include licensed practical nurses, pharmacists
 and their technicians, midwives, dentists, dental hygienists, podiatrists,
 EMTs, and eligible students. All eligible New Yorkers wishing to become
 vaccinators must undergo training. Learn more here.
- New York is mandating social equity and fair distribution among the groups included in 1B to ensure fair treatment and proportionate allocations both by group and by region. The state will open distribution sites in underserved areas to ensure social equity.
- about potential scams offering early access to the vaccine at a cost and to acquire personal information. Beware of anyone who calls, e-mails, or texts you offering early access to a COVID-19 vaccine. Some scammers are also using online platforms. Scammers may impersonate public health authorities from organizations such as the Center for Disease Control (CDC) or the World Health Organization (WHO). They may also offer to ship a COVID-19 vaccine directly to homes, provide special access to vaccines or clinical trial treatments, or sell special cold storage devices for vaccines. If you believe that you have been the victim of unlawful activity, please report these incidents to the Attorney General's office

NEW YORK CITY

- In light of the recent rise in Covid cases, New York City will allow any adult who wants one to get a Covid-19 booster shot. as the city begins to see a cold weather spike in virus cases. The city's department of health issued an advisory to health care providers saying that patients should be allowed to determine their own risk of exposure based on their individual circumstances, meaning providers should not turn a patient away who asks for the booster.
- If you are fully vaccinated but lost your COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card or need verification of your vaccine status, you can request a copy of your COVID-19 vaccination record. You cannot get a replacement COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card at this time, but you can get an official record noting you have been vaccinated.

Go here for more information: https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/services/cir-parents-guardians.page

- On November 4, 2021, Mayor de Blasio announced an agreement on the vaccine mandate with several municipal labor unions: See: <u>Press Release</u>
- Each New York City public school serving 5- to 11-year-old students will host a one-day Pfizer COVID vaccine clinic, starting November 8, 2021, Mayor Bill de Blasio announced on October 3, 2021. Schools will require parents or guardians to accompany their children. If they cannot, another adult must go with the child and then call the parent or guardian in order to provide verbal consent for the vaccinations. See Media Transcript
- Mayor de Blasio announced a COVID-19 vaccine mandate for all City workers. All City workers, excluding uniformed correction officers, are required to have at least one vaccine dose by 5:00pm on Friday, October 29, 2021. City employees will receive an extra \$500 in their paycheck if they receive their first shot before the deadline. Unvaccinated employees will be placed on unpaid leave until they show proof of vaccination to their supervisor. The new mandate is effective on Monday, November 1 to the entire municipal workforce. Civilian employees of the Department of Correction (DOC) and uniformed members assigned to healthcare settings are also immediately subject to the mandate. Other uniformed members at DOC will be subject to the mandate effective Wednesday, December 1, 2021. See: Press Release
- New York City has deployed temporary, roaming vaccination sites across the five boroughs: mobile and pop-up. Appointments are not required, but you can book an appointment at many of these sites in advance <u>online</u> or by calling 877-VAX-4NYC. <u>Click here</u> to view schedule.
- Mayor de Blasio announced on August 23, 2021 a vaccine mandate for teachers and employees of the Department of Education. Employees must show proof of first vaccine by September 27. See: <u>Press Release</u>
- Mayor de Blasio signed an <u>executive order</u> on August 16, 2021 requiring vaccination (at least one dose) of patrons (12 years and older), full- or part-time employees, interns, volunteers or contractors for indoor dining, gyms, including hotel gyms and fitness centers, and entertainment venues, which took effect on Tuesday for both

customers and staff. The city released a full list of locations covered by the mandate, which will include museums, performing arts venues, aquariums and indoor areas at zoos and botanical gardens. In addition to restaurants, the mandate covers catering halls, hotel banquet rooms, nightclubs, bars, event spaces, cabarets, coffee shops, cafeterias, bakeries, fast food establishments and grocery stores where people dine on-site. See: <u>Press Release</u>

• Effective August 16th with full enforcement on September 13th, the City of New York will require vaccinations for specific indoor activities, including indoor eateries, gyms and entertainment centers.

The Key to NYC Pass, would encourage increased immunizations to combat the spread of the delta variant. See: <u>Media Transcript</u> This mandate applies to both employees and customers at each entity. Eligible forms of proof include:

- The NY State Excelsior Pass
- The City's new "COVID Safe" app, where you can store a picture of your vaccination card (download for <u>iOS</u> or <u>Android</u> devices)
- Your paper CDC vaccination card

The NYC Health Department's Citywide Immunization Registry (CIR) collects New Yorkers' vaccine records. If you lose your vaccination card, you should be able to review your vaccination record here: <u>Citywide Immunization Registry - NYC Health</u>

- Newly-hired city employees will be required to be vaccinated, and will not have
 the option to get tested weekly instead like existing city workers do. See: Executive
 Order, issued August 2, 2021.
- On Monday, July 26, 2021, the mayor announced a mandate requiring all municipal employees either to get vaccinated or submit to weekly Covid-19 testing starting September 13, 2021. Starting August 9, 2021, unvaccinated city workers will be required to wear a mask indoors at their workplaces. Further, the City is mandating 45,000 City workers and contractors in residential and congregate care

- settings to be vaccinated or submit to weekly testing by August 16th. See: <u>Press</u>
 Release
- Mayor Bill de Blasio, announced on Wednesday, July 21, 2021, the Health
 Worker COVID-Safe Requirement. Beginning August 2, the City will require employees of NYC Health + Hospitals and employees working in Department of Health and Mental Hygiene clinical settings to provide either a one-time verification of immunization, or weekly proof of a negative COVID-19 test. See: Press Release
- The MTA released a new digital feature to help locate vaccine sites. The MTA's Live Subway Map can be used to find vaccination sites in New York City. The map includes links with each location that directs users to the appropriate scheduling website. If the site takes appointments over the phone, the map provides the phone number.
- The list of New Yorkers currently eligible and those soon-to-be-eligible to receive the
 vaccine in NYC can be found here. If you are eligible, you can use the NYC Vaccine
 Finder to find a vaccination location near you and make an appointment.
- New York City DOHMH has created a Vaccine web page to keep New Yorkers up
 to date. You can access it here: https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-vaccines.page
 - outlined the City's Vaccine Equity Plan and launched the vaccine command center on Friday, Dec. 11. Through targeted outreach and a network of trusted community messengers, the City will ensure equitable vaccine distribution to the 27 hardest-hit neighborhoods identified by the Task Force. The City will also open a dedicated Vaccine Command Center, led by Deputy Mayor Hartzog and Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Commissioner Dave Chokshi, to coordinate vaccine distribution across the City. The center will track critical metrics on vaccine coverage, with a priority focus on the 27 neighborhoods.

- The City will use NYCHA space—including NYC Health + Hospitals clinics—to vaccinate priority populations, following the successful partnership model the City established with NYCHA for COVID-19 testing. Through a broader outreach effort, the City will work with NYCHA residents, community partners, and faith leaders to distribute accurate and trustworthy information about the vaccine and improve the distribution process.
- Mayor de Blasio announced on December 31, 2020, an ambitious goal
 for the city to administer 1 million COVID-19 vaccine doses by the end of
 January 2021.
- Using the Vaccine Command Center in coordination with health and administering facilities, the mayor plans to double New York City's weekly vaccination, with a goal of 400,000 doses per week by the end of the month.
 - The mayor also hopes to begin vaccinating educators, schools staff, first responders (cops, firefighters, etc.,) soon. Read more <u>here</u>.
 - To increased vaccine capacity, pop-up sites and vaccine hubs will be assembled with partnering organizations.
 - There will be two new vaccine pop-up clinics, five new NYC Health
 + Hospitals vaccination sites and three new NYC Vaccine Hubs.
- The first three openings for Sunday, January 10, 2021) are:
 - o Brooklyn **Bushwick Educational Campus** at 400 Irving Avenue
 - o Queens Hillcrest High School at 160-05 Highland Avenue
 - o Bronx **South Bronx Educational Campus** at 701 St. Ann's Avenue
- The goal is to have:
 - o **250 sites** by the end of January,
 - o people working **7-days** a week,
 - o questions or need information click <u>here</u>.
- Employment: On March 9, 2021, Mayor de Blasio announced the Vaccine for All Corps, a civilian corps for workers to join NYC's vaccination effort. The City will recruit 2,000 New Yorkers to serve their communities, with a priority focus on residents in the 33 neighborhoods identified by the Task Force for

Racial Inclusion and Equity. Public recruitment is currently underway for jobs in Staten Island, the Rockaways, and The Bronx. The Corps is currently hiring for clinical roles, including vaccinators, as well as support and administrative roles. Training for new hires will be managed by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Interested jobseekers should visit nyc.gov/vaccinejobs. Recruitment for Vaccine for All Corps jobs is led by the Workforce1 Career Center System operated by the NYC Department of Small Business Services (SBS).

NYC SPECIFIC INFORMATION: ROLL OUT OF VACCINATIONS

• COVID vaccinations will be offered on site at 150 public schools during the first week of school (9/13–15 and 9/17) for students 12+, families, and community members. Find Manhattan school vaccine sites here. For students younger than 18, a parent or guardian must fill out a consent form, available here.

• New Vaccination Site: Fulton Community Center

On March 31, 2021, the city announced it will open a new vaccination site at the Fulton Community Center in Chelsea, Manhattan in collaboration with Hudson Guild and Google. The new vaccination site located at 119 Ninth Avenue will offer more than 200 appointments per day and will be open 5 days a week, from Tuesday through Saturday. The site will open April 7 for nearby NYCHA residents, and all eligible New Yorkers will be able to make appointments at this location starting April 12. See details Here

New Vaccination Site: Flatbush YMCA

On March 30, 2021, the city announced it will open a new vaccination site at the Flatbush YMCA in Flatbush, Brooklyn, with plans to open additional sites in partnership with YMCA. The new vaccination site will initially offer more than ~150 appointments per day gradually increasing to more than 2,300 per week and will be open seven days a week from 9am to 6pm. This site opens today, and is available for all eligible new Yorkers to make an appointment. See: Press Announcement

- The City is relocating high school vaccine sites or modifying appointment hours now that high schools have reopened. On March 25, 2010, the A. Philip Randolph High School site has been moved to the City College North Academic Center (Amsterdam Ave. btwn W. 136th and W. 138th. Sts.). Everyone with an appointment at a high school site should receive a text, call, or email from the City with updated location or rescheduling details. Transportation will be provided to the new site for anyone 65+ who shows up to the original location.
- A new NYCHA residents-only vaccine site has opened at Johnson Community Center (1833 Lexington Ave. btwn 112th and 115th Sts.), a partnership between NYCHA and NYC Health + Hospitals. The site is open every Thursday-Sunday from now through 6/20, 8 am 6 pm. All NYCHA residents eligible for the vaccine can make an appointment by calling 332-240-3330. Bring to your appointment: government-issued photo ID, proof of eligibility for the vaccine, and proof of NYCHA residency. See current vaccine eligibility criteria here (50+, certain jobs, and certain health conditions).
- A 24-hour vaccination site opens at Citi Field stadium on Wednesday,
 February 10. Those eligible for the vaccine at this site include:
 - Taxi and Limousine Commission-licensed drivers;
 - Food delivery workers; and
 - Eligible Queens residents.
 - o The site will open at 10 a.m.
 - For those residents in Queens who are eligible, you can make an appointment by clicking here or calling 877-VAX-4NYC (877-829-4692). Watch more here.
- As of February 2, in addition to group 1A and those previously eligible as part of group 1B, taxi and limousine drivers (TLC licensees, including ride-hailing app drivers) and restaurant workers are also eligible. Learn more about who is

currently eligible for vaccination.

- Restaurant workers (including app-based delivery workers);
- Taxi and for-hire vehicle drivers; and
- Developmental disability facility residents and staff.

See the full eligibility list and how to make an appointment

- Seniors age 65 older who are unable to make their own arrangements and need transportation to and from a COVID-19 vaccination appointment can sign up for transportation through the City, Mayor de Blasio announced on January 17, 2021. Older New Yorkers age 65 and over who make an appointment for vaccine at a City-operated site will be asked whether they have a way to get to and from their appointment. If they require transportation, they will be screened and directed to transportation options, including Access-a-Ride, ambulette services, cab service via Curb and in a few weeks, transportation by select Senior Center programs. See: <u>Press Release</u>
- <u>COVID-19 Vaccine Finder (NEW)</u>: If you are eligible to receive a vaccination, use the Vaccine Finder to search for a location near you.
- <u>COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility</u>: Learn which groups are currently eligible for the vaccine.
- The NYC Health Department vaccine reservation website has been launched on January 11 at: https://vaccinefinder.nyc.gov/. Once you access the website, you will be prompted to enter your address or zip code, and you will be able to see all open vaccine sites within the existing health care infrastructure (Federally Qualified Health Centers, Urgent Care Centers, pharmacies, doctors' offices) in New York City. For each vaccine site, a phone number or website link is provided to schedule an appointment.
- New Yorkers may also call the City Hotline to make a vaccine
 reservation: 877-VAX-4NYC. Hotline hours are currently 8:00 a.m. –
 9:00 p.m.

• Supply of vaccine is very limited and will fluctuate daily, so you may not be able to make an appointment right away.

 Vaccine sites are scheduling appointments no more than a couple of weeks out because there is uncertainty about vaccine supply.

In addition to the NYS and NYC vaccine reservation websites, New Yorkers
 can also schedule an appointment at a Mount Sinai Hospital facility
 by visiting Mount Sinai's reservation directly
 at: https://www.mountsinai.org/about/covid19/vaccine-information/schedule.

Beginning Monday, January 11, 2021, vaccine sites will open in partnership
with SOMOS and FDNY for frontline City workers who qualify for Phase 1B.
For eligible individuals under Phase 1A, the first of two 24/7 mass vaccination
sites opened this Sunday in the Bronx and Brooklyn, and well as three
Vaccination Hubs.

o SOMOS

Bronx: X410 Taft High School

Brooklyn: George Wingate High School

Manhattan: Brandeis High School

o FDNY

Queens: John Adams High School

Staten Island: Susan Wagner High School

o Other Vaccine Hubs open:

Brooklyn

Bushwick Educational Campus 400 Irving Avenue

o Queens

Hillcrest High School 160-05 Highland Avenue

Bronx

South Bronx Educational Campus 701 St. Ann's Avenue

Additional Vaccination Hubs

The City will open 12 additional vaccine hubs beginning Friday, January 15th.

The hubs will be open from 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM, seven days a week.

Brooklyn

Abraham Lincoln High School 2800 Ocean Parkway
Bushwick Educational Campus 400 Irving Avenue
Canarsie High School 1600 Rockaway Parkway
George Westinghouse Vocational HS 105 Johnson Street

Manhattan

Marta Valle Secondary School 145 Stanton Street Wadleigh Campus/I.S. 88 215 West 114 Street

Queens

August Martin High School 156-10 Baisley Boulevard Beach Channel Educational Campus 100-00 Beach Channel Drive Hillcrest High School 160-05 Highland Avenue Aviation High School 45-30 36th Street

Staten Island

Port Richmond H.S. 85 St Joseph's Avenue Staten Island

Staten Island Technical High School 485 Clawson Street Staten Island

Bronx

Walton Educational School 2780 Reservoir Avenue Bronx Adlai E. Stevenson High School 1980 Lafayette Avenue Bronx South Bronx Educational Campus 701 Saint Ann's Avenue Bronx

Finding a Vaccine Appointment

- <u>TurboVax.com</u> aggregates available appointments at 43 City- and State-run vaccine sites, <u>created by software engineer Huge Ma</u>. You may follow the <u>TurboVax</u> <u>Twitter</u> account for availability notifications. But this is not exhaustive. Use it alongside these other City-, State-, private-, and volunteer-run sites below, some of which are limited by eligibility category and may not have appointments available at the moment. Hospital networks also have their own vaccine sign-up procedures.
 - o NYC COVID Vaccine Finder
 - NYS eligibility survey
 - NYC Vaccine List
 - Walgreens (select locations starting Friday, 2/12 for those 65+)
 - CVS (select locations starting Friday, 2/12 for those 65+)
 - o <u>RiteAid</u> (for those 65+)
 - <u>East Harlem Costco</u> (for those 65+)
 - o SOMOS

Free transportation to vaccine sites is available through Curb (646-349-0289) and Hunter Ambulance (718-991-2211).

IMPORTANT STEPS TO GETTING A VACCINATION

- Follow these steps to obtain a COVID-19 vaccination in any facility in New York
 State or City:
 - 1. Schedule an appointment by phone or online (keep trying if you do not get through or cannot get an appointment right away)

1-833-NYS-4VAX (1-833-697-4829) or for NYC 1-877-VAX-4NYC

- 2. Complete the NYS COVID-19 Vaccine Form before getting the vaccine. The State requires the provider administering the vaccine to check completion of the form.
- Complete the form online: https://forms.ny.gov/s3/vaccine,
 OR
 - Download and complete the following PDF version: https://hca-nys.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/doh-covid-vaccine-form-instructions.pdf
- 3. You must wear a face covering and social distance while at the vaccine site.
- 4. If you do not feel well on the day of your appointment, please stay home and reschedule your appointment.
- 5. Bring proof of eligibility. Eligible essential workers will need to bring proof of employment, such as an employee ID card, a letter from an employer or affiliated organization, or a recent pay stub.

If you have concerns about the FDA-approved COVID-19 vaccines, please take a look at the following fact sheet developed by the NYC Health Department: https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/covid/covid-19-vaccines-faq.pdf.

OTHER RESOURCES

New York Magazine posted <u>How to Sign Up for a COVID Vaccine in New York</u> on January 19, 2021, and the NY Times published <u>How to Get the Coronavirus</u>



Check out **Testing and Vaccines Page** from the Manhattan Borough President

^{i i}The information, which is not intended to be exhaustive, is culled from multiple publicly available sources for awareness purposes.