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Important Information

	New York City	New Jersey State
Who needs to be fully vaccinated	Everyone	Everyone
How do you define fully vaccinated	2 Pfizer/Moderna 1 J & J	2 Pfizer/Moderna + Booster 1 J&J + Booster
Can I request a medical or religious accommodation	Yes. You must submit the attached form and someone from HR will reach out to you. ** Link below	Yes. You must submit the attached form and someone from HR will reach out to you. ** Link below
Can I work while I am waiting for my accommodation to be reviewed	Yes – NYC requires a PCR test submitted weekly (by each Friday to work the following week). Send to vaxtestresults@cfsny.org Results must be legible, with individual name, DOB and official results.	NI accepts PCR or Antigen test. Depending on positivity in each region testing must be done either once or twice a week. CFS onsite testing is available or use an outside facility and send results to your supervisor or djoy@cfsny.org

Accommodation Request Procedure

NYC COVID-19 Vaccine Accommodation Request Form



www.cfsny.org

Accommodation Request Procedure

New Jersey COVID-19 Vaccine Accommodation Form



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Raffle Update

Guess what! We will be continuing the \$100 weekly vaccine raffle, however, we will be NOW be selecting from staff who have had their Booster vaccine. So please send to hvacstats@cfsny.org proof of Booster so that we can enter you into the raffle!

New Jersey Vaccine Mandate - Deadline 2/16!

On January 19, 2022, Governor Phil Murphy signed Executive Order No. 283, requiring all staff working in group homes and day programs to be up-to-date with their COVID-19 vaccinations, including having received a booster dose. Staff have until February 16, 2022 to obtain their first dose of the primary series of a COVID-19 vaccination and submit proof that they are up-to-date with their vaccination by March 30, 2022. If a staff person is not eligible for a booster shot by March 30th, they must get their booster shot within three weeks of eligibility. Unvaccinated staff should continue to submit to testing once or twice weekly until they submit adequate proof that they have been fully vaccinated.

Staff will no longer be permitted to "test-out" as an alternative to vaccination, except for circumstances where an exemption from vaccination is granted for a qualifying medical disability or sincerely held religious belief. Unvaccinated employees who would like to request a medical or religious exemption, must file a request prior to February 16th. To request an exemption, click this link: [Click here for accommodation form](#)

While your request for an exemption is being reviewed, you will be allowed to work if you furnish proof of a weekly or twice weekly negative COVID test. Please be aware that your request may be denied. Anyone granted an exemption must continue testing once or twice weekly as required by Executive Order No. 252.

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COVID-19 Boosters - Have You Had Your Booster?

WHEN TO GET YOUR BOOSTER SHOT

PFIZER-BIONTECH	MODERNA	J&J (JANSSEN)
5 MONTHS SINCE COMPLETING THE PRIMARY SERIES AND YOU ARE	5 MONTHS SINCE COMPLETING THE PRIMARY SERIES AND YOU ARE	2 MONTHS SINCE COMPLETING THE PRIMARY VACCINATION AND YOU ARE
AGE 12+	AGE 18+	AGE 18+

ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS MAY CHOOSE WHICH BRAND THEY RECEIVE, BUT ONLY PFIZER-BIONTECH CAN BE USED AS A BOOSTER IN THOSE AGE 12-17.

SAVE LIVES. GET VACCINATED TODAY!

Getting vaccinated is the first step. However, in order to continue to fight the virus, we need to get the Booster as often as is clinically recommended. Being six months without having a booster can reduce your immunity. If you have had Pfizer vaccine, it is recommended that you get your booster five months after your last dose.

COVID-19 vaccines and boosters are offered free for people who are living in the U.S.—even those without health insurance! Take advantage and get your booster shot if eligible.

Both governing bodies in NY and NJ have begun to ask for information on Boosters for staff. As a result, upon getting your booster shot, email your updated vaccine card to hvacstats@cfsny.org



NY Booster Doses Appointment Finder

Maximize your protection against COVID-19.

Free booster shots are widely available statewide for eligible New Yorkers.

[covid19vaccine.health...](#)

NEW JERSEY COVID-19 Information Hu

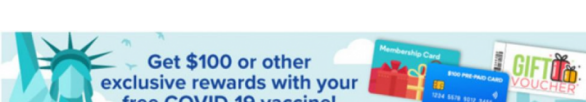
NJ Vaccine Appointment Finder (Including Boosters)

Find and schedule a vaccine appointment at New Jersey vaccination locations near you.

All individuals aged 12 and older who live, work, or study in New Jersey are eligible for COVID-19 vaccines.

covid19.nj.gov

New Yorkers can get \$100 for getting their first dose or booster of the COVID-19 vaccine. The \$100 incentive will be available through February 28, 2022. Get your COVID-19 vaccine today!



COVID-19 Vaccine Incentives - Coronavirus



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Get Tested NOW - Click to find out Where

Everyone should get tested now, whether or not you have symptoms or are at increased risk Your COVID-19 diagnostic test may be conducted using a nasal swab, oral swab, or saliva sample If your first COVID test is negative, you should get tested again if you:

Are concerned about possible exposure

Have spent time in a large crowd

Have had exposure to someone with confirmed or possible COVID-19

Have symptoms

Work in a congregate setting like a nursing home or shelter, or are planning to visit someone at high risk for severe COVID-19 illness

Most results are returned in about 3-5 days and your test results are confidential

Click below to find testing sites near you - in NYC, New Jersey, New York State and Nassau County

NEW YORK CITY COVID-19 Testing - Coronavirus

To find a testing site near you, enter your address below, or text "COVID TEST" to 855-48.

www1.nyc.gov

NEW JERSEY COVID-19 Information H

NEW JERSEY How To Get Tested For COVID-19 In New Jersey

Locate a testing site near you, learn how to get tested, and find key information about New Jersey's testing program and related resources.



covid19.nj.gov



NEW YORK STATE Find a Test Site Near You

Testing for COVID-19 is widely available throughout New York State. Individuals who have questions about COVID-19 testing should call the New York State COVID-19 Hotline at 1-888-364-3065 or visit the NYSDOH website.



coronavirus.health.ny...



COVID-19 TESTING | Nassau County, NY - Official Website



nassaucountyny.gov

Don't Forget - Mask Up! It's required!

OPWDD issued emergency regulations (14 NYCRR §633.26) requiring all agencies providing services or operating facilities that are certified or operated by OPWDD to require all staff, volunteers, contractors, vendors, visitors and individuals receiving services to wear appropriate face coverings consistent with any directives issued by OPWDD and consistent with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), to slow the spread of COVID-19 and to protect the individuals served by OPWDD and OPWDD providers and the staff that support them. CDC guidelines, in accordance with OSHA standards, has clarified that cloth masks are not considered Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). **Surgical masks, KN95s and N95 are "typically cleared by the US Food and Drug Administration" and are the appropriate "masks/face coverings" to be used as PPE.**

We have appropriate masks available. please reach out to your direct supervisor to coordinate getting these masks.

For NY Community Staff, you can visit our locations to pick up masks on the following days:

Bronx office Wednesdays 9am - 3pm

Floral Park office Thursdays 10am - 3pm

Staten Island office Wednesdays 10am - 2pm***

Manhattan office Fridays 10am - 2pm

***New Staten Island Office Location - 800 Annadale Rd Staten Island NY 10312



WINNER OF THE \$100 GIFT CARD

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Special thanks to Arnaldo Giraldo for translating the newsletter into Spanish!

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