



**Department of  
Civil Service**

## COVID-19 Vaccination/Testing Policy at Employee Health Service Locations

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The Department of Civil Service takes the health and safety of our Employee Health Service employees and clients seriously. Toward that goal, and in consideration of recently revised guidance released by the State of New York, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and a variety of public health authorities and professional organizations, the Department of Civil Service will immediately discontinue requiring proof of COVID-19 vaccination/negative PCR test at Employee Health Service locations, and mask requirements are now optional for both clients and employees.

If you have any questions about the COVID-19 vaccination/testing policy at Employee Health Service locations, please contact the Department of Civil Service at (518) 233-3100.

### **COVID-19 VACCINATION/TESTING POLICY**

Effective February 20, 2023 and until further notice, all clients who are scheduled for an evaluation at Employee Health Service locations are no longer required to provide evidence of receiving the full COVID-19 vaccination series **OR** evidence of a negative polymerase chain reaction (PCR) COVID-19 test result from a test taken within the preceding seven (7) days of the scheduled evaluation **OR** proof of appropriate isolation if recently tested positive for COVID-19.

Clients will no longer be required to wear an appropriate face covering/mask while present at the evaluation. Clients will be screened for COVID-19 symptoms during the evaluation check-in and should **not** appear at the Employee Health Service location if you are exhibiting **any** COVID-19 symptoms.

### **APPLIES TO**

This mandatory COVID-19 vaccination/testing policy applies to all clients scheduled at Employee Health Service locations for the following evaluations:

- Pre-employment evaluations
- Return to Work evaluations
- Occupational Health evaluations
- Agency Referral evaluations
- Vaccination appointments (i.e., rabies titers)

Clients may be scheduled for an evaluation at the below Employee Health Service locations:

- Shirley A. Chisholm State Office Building, 55 Hanson Place – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11217
- 100 Seneca Street, 1st floor, Buffalo, NY 14203
- 55 Mohawk Street, Suite 201, Cohoes, NY 12047
- Perry B. Duryea State Office Building, 250 Veteran's Memorial Highway, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Room 3A9, Hauppauge, NY 11788
- Senator Hughes State Office Building – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room 441, 333 East Washington Street, Syracuse, NY 13202
- Utica State Office Building, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room 507, Utica, NY 13501

## DEFINITIONS

- **COVID-19:** COVID-19 is a respiratory disease caused by SARS-CoV-2, a new coronavirus discovered in 2019. The virus is thought to spread mainly from person to person through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks.
- **Fully Vaccinated:** Individuals are considered fully vaccinated when they have received the second dose of a 2-dose Pfizer or Moderna vaccination series or the single dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccination no later than two (2) weeks before the scheduled date of their examination.
- **Partially Vaccinated:** Individuals are considered partially vaccinated if they have not received their second dose of a 2-dose Pfizer or Moderna vaccination series or the single dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccination at least two (2) weeks prior to the scheduled date of their examination.
- **PCR Test:** The polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test, also called a molecular test, can detect an active coronavirus infection by identifying the viral genetic material of COVID-19.



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