



Partners
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A Message From

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Urgent Notice: The New York State Department of Health Is Now Requiring Partners in Care Home Health Aides to Get the COVID-19 Vaccine

Dear Colleagues,

You are receiving this message because a new COVID-19 vaccine mandate from the New York State Department of Health applies to you.

Due to this mandate, you must get the COVID-19 vaccine right away. If you don't get your first vaccine by October 7th, you will not be able to be assigned to a case. This is not something we want to do. We know how hard you and others have worked since this pandemic began, and we want to support you in every way possible.

But you need to know: **The New York State Department of Health has required that patient-facing health workers, including Partners in Care home health aides, must be vaccinated against COVID-19 going forward.**

We currently do not have proof in your employee file that you have been vaccinated. You must submit proof of your vaccination to Partners in Care by October 7th in order to continue actively working at VNSNY.

New York State will only allow exemptions for staff who have a valid, documented medical exception that has been approved by VNSNY. We will provide further information on medical exceptions shortly. The State's mandate does not allow VNSNY to grant any religious exemptions and it does not allow weekly COVID testing as a replacement for getting vaccinated.

This a New York State Department of Health requirement, and we must comply with this regulation.

If you have any questions about the vaccine mandate or how to get vaccinated, please call us at: (212) 609-4126.

If you aren't yet vaccinated, **you must get your first COVID-19 vaccine shot by October 7th** — and submit proof of your vaccination to Partners in Care — in order to continue working. So please get the COVID-19 vaccine as soon as possible. Keep in mind: **the COVID-19 vaccines are proven to be safe and effective.**

To find a COVID vaccination site in your area, go to: <https://frontline.vnsny.org/partners-in-care/latest-vaccine-news/>

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Once you've gotten the COVID-19 vaccine, you must submit your proof of vaccination to Partners in Care in one of the following ways:

- Text to 646-618-1907
- Mail to Partners in Care Health Services, 245 E 41st Street, Ground Floor, NY, NY 10017
- Fax to 212-290-3184
- Email to PAR_EmployeeHealthServices@vnsny.org

Remember — getting the COVID-19 vaccine is the best way to protect yourself and those around you from getting sick.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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