



Office of Safety Management

Colleagues,

Today's topic is medical eligibility for the vaccine. New York State has made vaccines available for MTA essential workers through Jacob K. Javits Center. Be advised, that there are two common cases where you are not immediately eligible to receive the vaccine:

- If you have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 10 days, you must wait to get vaccinated until after your illness has resolved and you are no longer on home isolation.
- If you have a medical condition that may be complicated by receiving the vaccine, you must speak to your primary care physician and get medical clearance to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

If you are scheduled for a vaccine and receive a message from the MTA that you are ineligible, but you have already obtained medical clearance from your doctor, you should keep your appointment. When you arrive at the facility, speak with the onsite medical evaluator and show them your medical clearance form or physician's permission message.

Remember: once you are vaccinated, please upload your vaccination card to the new [Team Vaccine Portal](#) and keep a copy for your records. For those authorized, submitting your card also will verify your eligibility for the special pay allowance.

For all MTA employees, if have not yet visited the [Team Vaccine Portal](#) and indicated your interest in receiving the vaccine, please fill out your health survey and get in the virtual line. If you do not want to be vaccinated, please also visit the portal and record your preference.

We are committed to doing everything we can to make sure you get vaccinated, but we are severely limited by supplies of the vaccine across the country, so scheduling may take weeks. Please continue to follow proper health guidelines by wearing a mask, social distancing and staying home if you are sick.

Thank you for your patience!

Regards,

Patrick Warren
Chief Safety Officer