



COLUMBUS PUBLIC HEALTH



COLUMBUS PUBLIC HEALTH TO REQUIRE COVID-19 VACCINATION FOR ALL EMPLOYEES

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Following the Food and Drug Administration's full approval of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, Columbus Public Health will join all four central Ohio hospital systems and many other local and national employers in requiring the COVID-19 vaccine for all of its employees, many of whom are frontline healthcare workers.

Columbus Public Health will require all of its employees to be vaccinated by November 1, 2021 with any of the three available COVID-19 vaccines, provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination, or provide an exemption due to medical reasons or sincerely held religious beliefs, practices or observances.

"As the delta variant continues to surge and we prepare to administer booster vaccines in our community, this vaccine requirement will help protect our workforce and the people we serve from COVID-19 which is spreading like wildfire here and across the country," said Health Commissioner Dr. Mysheika Roberts.

A vaccine requirement is not new for Columbus Public Health which already requires other vaccines for staff to protect them and the public it serves. COVID-19 vaccination provides the strongest protection against employees becoming severely ill from COVID-19 and helps prevent them from spreading it to clients, patients, peers, or the general public.

"More than 374 million doses of vaccines have been given safely in the U.S., and full FDA approval of the Pfizer vaccine gives us even more confidence in the safety and effectiveness of the COVID-19 vaccine. The vaccine remains the best tool we have for protecting health and preventing serious illness and hospitalization from this highly contagious virus. As public health workers, we must help lead the way," Dr. Roberts added.

For more information on COVID-19 vaccines or to find a vaccine location near you, visit [Columbus.gov/c19vax](https://www.columbus.gov/c19vax) or call 614-645-1519.

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