COVID-19 Vaccination Requirement

Office of Mental Health (OMH) employees must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

Vaccines for OMH employees are required under both:

- OMH Emergency Regulation 14 NYCRR 557 titled “COVID-19 Vaccination Program”, and,
- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Medicare and Medicaid Programs Omnibus COVID-19 Health Care Staff Vaccination

Individuals are considered fully vaccinated for COVID-19 fourteen days after receipt of either:

1) a single-dose vaccine (Janssen/Johnson & Johnson), or
2) the second dose of a two-dose primary vaccination series (Pfizer-BioNTech/Comirnaty or Moderna).

Note: This guidance can also be applied to COVID-19 vaccines listed for emergency use by the World Health Organization.

Prospective employees must be fully vaccinated or willing to become fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Individuals who are not fully vaccinated against COVID-19 may not start working until two weeks after their first dose in a 2-dose series or a single-dose vaccine.