

NYC Updates

On August 16, Mayor de Blasio announced the full details of the Key to NYC Pass, which is now in effect.

Vaccinations

Centering on the idea that Covid-19 vaccination is the “key” to safely enjoying the five boroughs in full and supporting the local economy, the plan requires proof of at least one dose of vaccination for all workers and individuals in:

- Indoor dining spaces
- Indoor fitness facilities
- Indoor entertainment and performing arts venues

New Yorkers and visitors age 12 and older are required to show proof of vaccination to participate in indoor activities at New York City restaurants and bars, fitness gyms, and entertainment and recreational settings including movie theaters, music or concert venues, casinos, botanical gardens, commercial event and party venues, museums and galleries, aquariums, zoos, professional sports arenas and indoor stadiums, convention centers and exhibition halls, performing arts theaters, bowling alleys, arcades, indoor play areas, pool and billiard halls, and other recreational games. Proof of vaccination is also required for employees at these establishments. Children under 12 who are not yet eligible for the vaccine are required to wear a mask and must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Eligible proof of vaccination includes the NYC COVID Safe App, the New York State Excelsior App, a photo or hard copy of a CDC vaccination card, official vaccine record, or a photo or hard copy of an official vaccination record of a vaccine administered outside the United States for one of the following vaccines: AstraZeneca/SK Bioscience, Serum Institute of India/COVISHIELD and Vaxzevria, Sinopharm or Sinovac.

Enforcement by the City began on September 13. Penalties for failure to comply start at \$1,000 and can reach \$5,000 for repeated violations. NYC & Company will work with the City to assist businesses with information and tools to implement these new requirements.

Masking

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) now recommends that all individuals in areas of high or substantial transmission wear masks indoors. Mayor de Blasio strongly recommends that all individuals in New York City wear masks indoors.

Broadway

Broadway theaters in New York City announced that they will require vaccinations for audience members, as well as performers, backstage crew and staff, for all performances through October 2021. Masks are also required for audiences inside theaters, except while eating or drinking in designated locations.