



## HEALTH CARE WORKERS VACCINE ATTESTATION | September 2021

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On August 16, 2021, DC Health announced a COVID-19 vaccine requirement for all licensed, certified, and registered health professionals as well as all unlicensed health care workers in the District of Columbia.

On August 27, 2021, emergency regulations were issued by DC Health further clarifying this requirement. Specifically, all licensed, certified, and registered health professionals and all unlicensed health care workers must fulfill the requirement to receive at least one dose of a COVID-19 mRNA vaccine (Moderna or Pfizer) or the single dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine no later than September 30, 2021.

DCHA will continue to provide updates as new information becomes available.

### Requirements Apply for the Following Individuals

- Health professionals who are licensed, registered, or certified by DC Health
- Unlicensed personnel in a health care setting

### Key Points

- All licensed and unlicensed health care workers must report their vaccine status via DC Health's new online vaccine reporting tool at <https://doh.force.com/ver/s/vaccinereporting>.
- Failure to meet this requirement can result in disciplinary action including suspension and/or revocation of a health professional's license, certification, or registration.
- For unlicensed personnel, no health care facility, after October 1, 2021, regardless of the date of hire, shall employ, contract, or grant privileges to a person who is not fully vaccinated.

### Exemptions

- For religious exemptions, individuals will need to upload a letter, stating that their vaccination against COVID-19 would violate a sincerely held religious belief and the vaccination would in fact violate a sincerely held religious belief of the person.
- For medical exemption requests, individuals will need to provide the name and license number of the health care provider who issued the medical exemption, and then upload a written letter from that licensed health care provider stating that being vaccinated against COVID-19 is medically inadvisable due to the person's medical condition and it is in fact medically inadvisable for the person to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.
- For the World Health Organization (W.H.O.) exemption, individuals will need to upload proof of vaccination of a W.H.O. approved vaccine and provide dates of vaccination.
- All exemptions must be reviewed and approved by DC Health.
- Exemptions may take 45 - 60 days for the review and approval process.
- While an exemption is pending an employee can continue to work.
- Routine testing of exempted employees or those pending exemptions can be initiated at the discretion of the hospital. Currently, testing is not being required by DC Health for exempted employees.

### More information about DC Health Care Workers Vaccine Attestation:

- **Online Vaccine Reporting Tool**, <https://doh.force.com/ver/s/vaccinereporting>
- **Notice of Emergency and Proposed Rulemaking**