

**ORDER OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH
TO RESCIND THE REQUIREMENT FOR
COVID-19 VACCINATION IN NONGOVERNMENTAL WORKPLACES**

WHEREAS, on December 13, 2021, the Commissioner of Health and Mental Hygiene issued an Order to Require COVID-19 Vaccination in the Workplace, which required non-governmental workers to provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination (the “December 13, 2021 Order”); and

WHEREAS, on December 20, 2021, the Board of Health ratified the December 13, 2021 Order pursuant to section 3.01(d) of the Health Code; and

WHEREAS, the December 13, 2021 Order was necessary to address the high level of COVID-19 transmission within communities and issued in accordance with guidance from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) and the New York State Department of Health; and

WHEREAS, since July 2022, community levels of COVID-19 infection have decreased in New York City; and

WHEREAS, on August 11, 2022, the CDC updated its public health recommendations regarding COVID-19, which now recommends the same quarantine strategies in general community settings regardless of vaccination status, recognizing that a high percentage of the U.S. population has some level of protection against the COVID-19 virus;^[1] and

WHEREAS, vaccination rates are high among City residents age 18 and older, with 98.8% of adult residents receiving at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, and 89% having completed their primary series;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Health hereby orders that, effective November 1, 2022, the December 13, 2021 Order ratified by the Board of Health on December 20, 2021, is **RESCINDED**.

^[1] CDC, Summary of Guidance for Minimizing the Impact of COVID-19 on Individual Persons, Communities, and Health Care Systems — United States, August 2022, available online at https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/71/wr/mm7133e1.htm?s_cid=mm7133e1_w.