COVID-19 COUNTERMEASURES WIND DOWN FAQs
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The Incident Command System is fully stood down. For questions related to COVID-19, please refer to resource below, or contact for HR representative or COVID-19 Info

Effective 2.20.2022

COVID-19 Countermeasures have been rescinded. Employees and staff may still consider the guidelines as best practices. Infection rates and other pandemic-related data will continue to be monitored and will be used to inform additional guidance when necessary.

Testing on-site remains mandatory for those who are unvaccinated or have an undisclosed status. Refer to the COVID-19 Testing Guide for more information. Vaccinated individuals may no longer test on NYPA/Canals sites and are encouraged to test at home or locally should they believe they have been exposed or develop symptoms.

Contact-tracing is suspended*. Unvaccinated & undisclosed staff who test on-site are asked to keep track of their own results, which can be checked from any device. Individuals are encouraged to report an exposure or a positive COVID-19 result regardless of testing location using the self-screening link or application. To utilize COVID-19 Time off, reporting your positive result is required.

Visit the Testing, Quarantine and Isolation Tailgate for more details or see additional instructions in the FAQs below.

Inter-site travel is fully reverted to pre-COVID processes, regardless of Stage. For NYPA, the site access form is still required for security and awareness reasons. The large meeting and events form that was previously required for elevated stages is no longer required across all sites/Stages.

Weekly Countermeasures Stages emails have been discontinued.

*Self-screening and contact tracing were originally communicated to be only Stage 3 and higher, but as of 2.13.2022, these mitigations are discontinued across all sites and Stages.

Effective 2.11.2022:

Masks are no longer required for any NYPA/Canals location. They are always welcome to be worn by those that prefer to and available at entrances if needed. See more in FAQ section below.

If you are working at a non-NYPA/Canal facility, check on and follow mask requirements for those locations.
Effective 2.7.2022:

Density Management is no longer be conducted at Stages 4 or lower – All density management & monitoring practices and processes will be discontinued. Please be respectful of fellow employee’s social distance preferences.

Daily Self-Screening is no longer be required* – While you won’t need to fill in the daily self-screening any longer, the self-screening link will remain active for employees to self-report a positive. The self-screen application will also remain available as an application on your phone. Please remember that if you do not feel well or are experiencing any symptoms, or are on quarantine, please DO NOT come to work. See more on self-reporting in the FAQ below.

Updates anticipated: timing TBD

- Onsite testing, and COVID-specific leave policies. We will be following guidance from the Center for Disease Control and NYS Department of Health and the State. We will provide updates as they become available.

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What if I believe I have COVID-19 symptoms or have been exposed to someone positive, how do I report a positive?
Being responsible for community health is in your hands. View the Testing, Quarantine and Isolation Tailgate for more.

- **Monitor your symptoms.** If you are sick contact your manager and don’t come to work. Coming to work ill is not acceptable and you may be sent home by your supervisor.
- **Get tested.** With the broad availability of at-home test kits and local testing facilities, we are transitioning to self-management of symptoms. Do NOT use on-site testing if you are vaccinated, symptomatic or have had exposure to a positive case.
- If you test positive, we ask that you report this information in the self-screening application (preferred), or to your manager, or HR contact. Managers are responsible for informing your local HR contact as necessary. Self-reporting is a requirement if you require COVID-19 Time off. You should also follow CDC guidance on Quarantine and Isolation, and your medical provider’s recommendations.

- Please be responsible for informing others you’ve been in contact with if you test positive. At the very least, you should tell your “close contacts,” defined within the CDC Quarantine & Isolation guidance.

If capacity/density management is no longer required, are distancing requirements still in place?
Social distancing is welcomed, along with continued wearing of masks. As measures are reduced, use the following guidance to maintain a safe working environment for all:
- Please respect all employees’ preferences to wear a mask and/or social distance.
- The above applies to all NYPA/Canals facilities and areas including break rooms, meeting rooms, training, vehicles, vessels etc. If at a non-NYPA/Canals facility, follow protocols in place for that location.

What if I prefer to wear my mask and remain distanced?
As part of our “New Normal” anyone who prefers to wear a mask and remain distanced is more than welcome to do so. Please be respectful to those that prefer a mask, and/or are more comfortable with distancing.

Do I still need to share my vaccination or booster status?
NYPA and Canals mandatory vaccination or test policy remains in place until further notice, and continues to require sharing your vaccination status OR, getting tested weekly.
- NYPA’s mandatory vaccine or test policy
- Canals’ Canal Corp COVID Vaccine and Testing Mandate (or from the COVID-19 section of the Canals intranet)

You are also required to share your vaccination and/or booster status in order to receive COVID-19 time off.

If you received a COVID-19 booster / vaccine, view this quick ‘All about boosters’ guide. You could validate your status as follows:

- Make an appointment with your local HR representative or HR Services, or for Canals, your Section Superintendent to show your Booster on an Excelsior Pass (you need the ‘Excelsior Pass Plus’ screen) or the front and back of your official vaccination card

Or you may:
- Sign and provide an attestation of your vaccination status by completing the Vaccination Attestation Form and sending it to your local HR representative or HR Services
How long will NYPA and Canals Vaccination or Weekly Testing Mandate stay in effect?
Weekly testing requirement remains in effect until the State lifts this requirement. It continues to be required for those who are not vaccinated or choose to not disclose their vaccination status.

Testing reminders at a NYPA/Canals Facility:
- Reminder: Please do NOT test at a NYPA/Canals facility if you have symptoms. Instead, contact your manager, stay home and get tested at your local clinic or testing site.
- Do not test if you have recovered from COVID-19 within the last 90 days.
- Please review and follow the testing guidance COVID-19 Testing Guide
- If you are testing at a facility, it is your responsibility to check your results so that you can act ASAP. Employees are responsible for not coming in based on their results and informing their manager.

How will we protect and monitor community health with these change in these measures?
- The best protection continues to be getting fully vaccinated and a booster dose.
- Get tested after traveling and before seeing family.
- All travelers, domestic and international, should continue to follow all CDC travel requirements.
- If you don't feel well, stay home.
- EH&S will continue to monitor available internal and external data related to COVID-19 and any other threats to community health.

What if I have other questions?
Please continue to reference the documents below, and if you have questions, please write to: COVID-19 Info COVID-19Info@nypa.gov

Key resources and reminders:

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