## SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE TO REQUIRE COVID-19 VACCINATION FOR CITY EMPLOYEES AND EMPLOYEES OF CERTAIN CITY CONTRACTORS

**WHEREAS,** on October 20, 2021, I issued an Order requiring city employees and human services contractors of city agencies provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination no later than October 29, 2021; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that the requirements of that Order be extended to include all contractors working at locations where human services are provided and all employees of contractors who regularly work alongside City employees at locations controlled by the City of New York; and

**WHEREAS,** to ensure an orderly election, the requirements of that Order for employees of the Board of Elections must be delayed; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to Section 3.01(d) of the Health Code, I am authorized to issue orders and take actions that I deem necessary for the health and safety of the City and its residents when urgent public health action is necessary to protect the public health against an existing threat and a public health emergency has been declared pursuant to such Section;

**NOW THEREFORE** I, Dave A. Chokshi, MD, MSc, Commissioner of Health and Mental Hygiene, finding that a public health emergency within New York City continues, and that it is necessary for the health and safety of the City and its residents, do hereby exercise the power of the Board of Health to prevent, mitigate, control and abate the current emergency, and order that:

- 1. The requirements of my Order of October 20, 2021, relating to a vaccination requirement for City employees and human services contractors of City agencies, are continued and incorporated herein.
- 2. City agencies must take all necessary actions to require that their contractors (not covered by my Order of October 20, 2021) ensure their covered employees who provide services in locations where human services are provided and covered employees of any other contractors whose work responsibilities require them to regularly work alongside City employees at a location controlled by the City of New York, provide proof no later than 5pm on November 8, 2021, that:
  - a. they have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19; or
  - b. they have received a single-dose COVID-19 vaccine, even if two weeks have not passed since they received the vaccine; or
  - c. they have received the first dose of a two-dose COVID-19 vaccine.

Any covered employee of such a contractor who received only the first dose of a two-dose vaccine at the time they provided the proof described in this Paragraph shall, within 45 days after receipt of the first dose, provide proof that they have received the second dose of vaccine.

All such contractors shall submit a certification to their contracting agency confirming that they are requiring their covered employees to provide such proof. If contractors are non-compliant, the contracting City agencies may exercise any rights they may have under their contract.

3. Notwithstanding Paragraph 2 of this Order and Paragraph 3 of my Order of October 20, 2021, the vaccination requirements of such Orders shall not apply to any Board of Elections ("BOE") employee or any contractor of the BOE until 5pm on November 30, 2021.

Until November 30, 2021, BOE employees must provide to BOE, and BOE must take any necessary action to require its contractors to require that their covered employees provide to their employer, either:

- a. Proof that:
  - i. they have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19; or
  - ii. they have received a single-dose COVID-19 vaccine, even if two weeks have not passed since they received the vaccine; or
  - iii. they have received the first dose of a two-dose COVID-19 vaccine, provided that they must additionally provide proof that they have received the second dose of vaccine within 45 days after receipt of the first dose; or
- b. On a weekly basis until the employee submits the proof described in this Paragraph, proof of a negative COVID-19 PCR diagnostic test (not an antibody test).
- 4. For the purposes of this Order:

"City employee" means a full- or part-time employee, intern, or volunteer of a New York City agency.

"Contract" means a contract awarded by the City, and any subcontract under such a contract, for work: (i) to be performed within the City of New York; and (ii) where employees can be expected to physically interact with City employees or members of the public in the course of performing work under the contract. "Contractor" means a person or entity that has a City contract, including a subcontract as described in the definition of "contract."

"Covered employee" means a person: (i) employed by a contractor or subcontractor holding a contract or subcontract; (ii) whose salary is paid in whole or in part from funds provided under a City contract; and (iii) who performs any part of the work under the contract within the City of New York. However, a person whose work under the contract does not include physical interaction with City employees or members of the public shall not be deemed to be a covered employee.

"Fully vaccinated" means at least two weeks have passed after an individual received a single dose of a COVID-19 vaccine that only requires one dose, or the second dose of a

two-dose series of a COVID-19 vaccine as approved or authorized for use by the Food and Drug Administration or World Health Organization.

"Human services contract" means social services contracted by an agency on behalf of third-party clients including but not limited to day care, foster care, home care, health or medical services, housing and shelter assistance, preventive services, youth services, the operation of senior centers, employment training and assistance, vocational and educational programs, legal services and recreation programs.

- 5. Each City agency shall send each of its contractors to whom Paragraph 2 of this Order applies, notice that such covered employees must comply with the requirement of Paragraph 2 of this Order and request a response from each such contractor, as soon as possible, with regard to the contractor's intent to follow this Order.
- 6. Nothing in this Order shall be construed to prohibit any reasonable accommodation otherwise required by law.
- 7. Subject to the authority of the Board of Health to continue, rescind, alter or modify this Order pursuant to Section 3.01(d) of the Health Code, this Order shall be effective immediately and remain in effect until rescinded.

Dated: October 31, 2021

Dave A. Chokshi, M.D., MSc

Commissioner