

# More information about the new Key to NYC policy on COVID-19 vaccination requirements for impacted business owners

Beginning the week of August 16th, staff and customers (12 years of age or older) at indoor entertainment, indoor dining, and indoor fitness establishments are required to show proof of at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. As a covered business you are required to check the vaccination status of staff and patrons and only allow vaccinated (at least one dose) individuals to enter the premises. For a full list of covered businesses go to [nyc.gov/keytonyc](https://nyc.gov/keytonyc). Enforcement will begin **September 13th, 2021**.

Here is a helpful checklist to make sure your business is prepared for this new policy:



- **Place the NYC DOHMH Key to NYC sign** in a clearly visible area of your business where patrons can see it before they come in. This is mandated by the new policy. You can download copies of this poster on [nyc.gov/keytonyc](https://nyc.gov/keytonyc).



- **Familiarize yourself with acceptable ways people can show proof of vaccination.** This can include the NYC Covid Safe App, NY State Excelsior Pass, CDC card, or other official documents.



- **Have a written plan for implementation of the policy available for inspection on request.** Your plans should include how you will check the vaccine status of both staff and patrons before they enter, or immediately upon entry to your business.



- **Identify which customer-facing staff need to be trained to review proof of vaccination documents.**

For more information on this policy, please visit [nyc.gov/keytonyc](https://nyc.gov/keytonyc).

If you are a small business with further questions, you can also call NYC Small Business Services at (888) SBS-4NYC (888-727-4692) for assistance understanding and implementing this policy.

