

**ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER
OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE
TO RESCIND THE COVID-19 VACCINATION REQUIREMENT FOR
PARTICIPATION IN HIGH RISK EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

WHEREAS, on December 10, 2021, the Commissioner of Health and Mental Hygiene issued an Order to Require COVID-19 Vaccination for Participation in High Risk Extracurricular Activities (December 10, 2021 Order”); and

WHEREAS, the December 10, 2021 Order was ratified by the Board of Health on December 20, 2021, pursuant to section 3.01(d) of the Health Code; and

WHEREAS, the December 10, 2021 Order was necessary to address the high level of community COVID-19 transmission and issued in accordance with guidance from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) and the New York State Department of Health (“NYS DOH”); and

WHEREAS, community levels of COVID-19 have recently been low citywide; and

WHEREAS, vaccination rates among 13- to 17-year old New York City residents are high, with 92% receiving at least one dose and 82% completing their primary series; and

WHEREAS, on August 22, 2022, the New York State Department of Education and the NYS DOH jointly issued a letter¹ encouraging school districts and schools to utilize the CDC’s Operational Guidance for K-12 Schools and Early Care and Education Programs to Support Safe In-Person Learning,² which does not recommend vaccination for participation in high risk extracurricular activities;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Ashwin Vasani, MD, PhD, Commissioner of Health and Mental Hygiene, subject to approval of the Board of Health, do hereby **RESCIND**, the December 10, 2021 Order, as ratified by the Board on December 20, 2021, requiring COVID-19 vaccination for participation in high risk extracurricular activities.

Dated: 9/20/22



Ashwin Vasani, MD, PhD
Commissioner

¹ https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2022/08/2022_2023-school-year-covid-joint-letter-doh_sed-letter-to-schools.pdf

² <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-childcare-guidance.html>