***Frequently Asked Questions Regarding COVID-19 Vaccines***

**I am fully vaccinated. Do I need to quarantine if I am a close contact of someone with COVID-19?**

If you are in a field site No. You do not need to quarantine if it has been 14 days since you got your final vaccine dose.

If it is determined that a work-related exposure has occurred, the involved staff are to be prepared to speak with a contract tracer and provide their vaccine status and a copy of their vaccination card if requested. Fully vaccinated staff will be cleared to return to work so long as they are not showing symptoms. If not fully vaccinated, the following risk factors will be considered:

* 1. Level of exposure, direct or indirect
  2. Duration of exposure
  3. Staffing levels
  4. Area in which exposure took place

**I am fully vaccinated. Do I need to quarantine if I travel to or return to Vermont?**

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If it has been 14 days since you got your final vaccine dose, you do not need to quarantine when you travel to or return to Vermont. Be sure to carry your COVID-19 vaccine card with you and be prepared to show it when asked.

**Anyone who is not vaccinated and travels with you will need to quarantine** (including children) and follow the [cross state travel guidance](https://accd.vermont.gov/covid-19/restart/cross-state-travel) when they travel to or return to Vermont. For example, if you are a fully vaccinated parent or caregiver and are traveling with children, your children will need to quarantine when they travel to or return to Vermont. Learn about [Vermonters hosting visitors in their homes](https://apps.health.vermont.gov/COVID/faq/#4704).

**If I missed my facility vaccine day where can I go get the vaccine?**

Staff who are wanting to get vaccinated at their local pharmacy will need to register through either the pharmacy website or go directly to the pharmacy to register. They should not be registering through the VDH vaccination website, if they do it will require a passcode which corrections does not have. Staff only need to tell the pharmacy they qualify under group 1A and should bring some from of correctional ID with them when they go. CVS, Kinney and Walgreens are all providing vaccines although there is currently a 2-3 week wait time.

**Do I have to disclose to DOC that I have been vaccinated?**

Contact tracers will ask staff as part of their contact tracing process. A copy of staff vaccination card may also be requested. This information may be vital during contact tracing and you are encouraged to disclose your vaccine status to help keep the facilities safe.

**Can I be ordered into the facility for mandatory OT if I have not been vaccinated?**

Yes, not being vaccinated does not restrict you from working in the facility at this time.

**If I have been fully vaccinated do I still need to wear a mask and social distance when working in a facility? A field office?**

At this time yes, no mitigation strategies have been changed. This public safety strategy has not been changed by the Governor for the community or the facilities.

**If our entire field office is vaccinated will we still have to wear masks and social distance?**

Yes, per the current public safety guidance and department protocol.

*Susanne R. Young, Secretary of Administration, Dated 3-1-2021*

[*https://humanresources.vermont.gov/content/remote-work-state-employees-extended-may-31-2021*](https://humanresources.vermont.gov/content/remote-work-state-employees-extended-may-31-2021)

*“Due to improving conditions, beginning April 1, 2021, appointing authorities may approve requests from employees to return to work based on employee preference and/or operational improvement needs. Appointing Authorities must refer to the Department of Building & General Services (BGS) Return to Work Guidance and worksite protocols when considering any request to return to the worksite and engage BGS as needed to prepare the worksite before employees return.*

*Any employee in the workplace must abide by all health and safety measures and protocols, including completion of daily health surveys, wearing masks, avoiding in-person meetings or congregating in break rooms or other spaces, and frequent handwashing.* “

**If I am fully vaccinated and have any of the screening symptoms can I still come to work?**

There is currently no change to the screening process and if any of the listed symptoms you will be restricted from work and must follow the current process in both the facility and the field sites.