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## **NEW MEXICO HEALTH ALERT NETWORK (HAN) ALERT**

Public Health Order Enforcement to start 2/4/2022 of Up To Date Vaccination of Status  
(Up To Date = “Fully vaccinated + Booster”)

**DATE:** 1/14/2022

**Background:** The New Mexico Department of Health is issuing updated guidance related to the enforcement of the [public health order](#)<sup>1</sup> on vaccination and booster requirements for school workers, congregate care facility workers, hospital workers, and employees of the Office of the Governor. Enforcement of this public health order will begin on February 4, 2022. The COVID-19 vaccines are effective at protecting people from infection, serious illness, and death from SARS-CoV-2. In light of continuing evolution of the virus that causes COVID-19, including the highly infectious omicron variant, the CDC recommends [staying up to date on vaccines](#), which means a person has received all COVID-19 vaccine doses, including a booster dose, as recommended by CDC. “Up to date” replaces the previous fully vaccinated + booster status in the PHO.

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<sup>1</sup> 12-2-2021 [Requiring All School Workers To Comply with Certain Health Requirements and Requiring Congregate Care Facility Workers, Hospital Workers, and Employees of Office of the Governor Be Fully Vaccinated and Receive Booster Vaccines.](#)

**Guidance:**

1. Enforcement for the public health order will begin on February 4, 2022, which may include civil monetary penalties of up to \$5,000 per violation.
2. Under the public health order, school workers, congregate care facility workers, hospital workers and employees of the Office of the Governor must be Up to Date on COVID 19 vaccines:

<b>If you received</b>	<b>Who should get a booster:</b>	<b>When to get a booster</b>	<b>Which booster can you get:</b>
<b>Pfizer</b>	Everyone 12 years and older	At least 5 months after completing your primary COVID-19 vaccinations series	-Pfizer or Moderna (m-RNA COVID-19 vaccines) are preferred in most situations -Teens 12-17 y.o may only get Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine booster
<b>Moderna</b>	Adults 18 and older	At least 5 months after completing your primary COVID-19 vaccinations series	Pfizer or Moderna (m-RNA COVID-19 vaccines) are preferred in most situations
<b>J and J</b>	Adults 18 and older	At least 2 months after receiving your J & J COVID-19 vaccinations	Pfizer or Moderna (m-RNA COVID-19 vaccines) are preferred in most situations

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