

Do I need to get tested for COVID-19 if I'm vaccinated?

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Do I need to get tested for COVID-19 if I'm vaccinated?
No, you can skip routine testing, with some exceptions.

The latest guidance from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) says you don't need to be tested or to quarantine if you're fully vaccinated, even if you've been exposed to someone who was sick. An exception is if you develop COVID-19 symptoms such as fever, cough, and fatigue.

The updated guidance reflects recent studies showing vaccinated people face very little risk of serious disease. Even if you get an infection, you'll be less likely to spread it to others and any symptoms will likely be milder.

As a result, the CDC says vaccinated people can also be excluded from routine workplace screening, though many companies aren't tracking employees' vaccination status. Screening is still recommended for people working or living in homeless shelters or prisons, due to the higher risk of outbreaks.



AP Illustration/Peter Hamlin

The relaxed guidelines also don't apply to doctors, nurses, and other healthcare workers, whose employers might still require testing. Guidance may vary by country.

U.S. citizens returning from abroad also still have to present a negative COVID-19 test before boarding their flights home, regardless of their vaccination status. Anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 should still isolate for 10 days, the CDC says.

As vaccinations increase, many experts expect the CDC to further relax testing

guidelines, even for vaccinated people with symptoms. Many common colds and viruses can cause symptoms resembling COVID-19, experts say, which could lead to a wave of unnecessary testing in the fall.

"As we race to open back up, a whole variety of infections that we don't routinely test for are going to cause those same symptoms," said Dr. Rebecca Wurtz of the University of Minnesota. "You should wash your hands and stay home from work, but there's no need to run out to be tested."

Can employers make COVID-19 vaccination mandatory?

By **Mae Anderson**
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Can employers make COVID-19 vaccination mandatory?
Yes, with some exceptions.

Experts say U.S. employers can require employees to take safety measures, including vaccination. That doesn't necessarily mean you would get fired if you refuse, but you might need to sign a waiver or agree to work under specific conditions to limit any risk you might pose to yourself or others.

"Employers generally have wide scope" to make rules for the workplace, said Dorit Reiss, a law professor who specializes in

vaccine policies at the University of California Hastings College of the Law. "It's their business."

Rules will vary by country. But the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission has allowed companies to mandate the flu and other vaccines, and has indicated they can require COVID-19 vaccines.

There are exceptions. For example, people can request exemptions for medical or religious reasons. Some states have proposed laws that restrict mandating the vaccines because of their "emergency use" status, but that may become less of an issue since Pfizer has applied for full approval and others are

likely to follow.

How employers approach the issue will vary. Many might not want to require vaccination because of the administrative burden of tracking compliance and managing exemption requests, noted Michelle S. Strowhiro, an employment adviser and lawyer at McDermott Will & Emery. Legal claims could also arise.

As a result, many employers will likely strongly encourage vaccination without making it mandatory, Strowhiro said.

Walmart, for example, is offering a \$75 bonus for employees who provide proof they were vaccinated.

Jokes abound over Yang's choice for favorite subway station

NEW YORK (AP) — Forget which sports team to root for, or who makes the best pizza.

New York City mayoral candidate Andrew Yang apparently hit a nerve with his answer to a question that people may not have realized was a burning issue — what's your favorite subway station?

His response? Times Square.

Yang's choice of the midtown Manhattan, tourist-heavy station launched an onslaught of responses on social media, with some questioning how much of a New Yorker he could really be and others rolling their eyes at the whole thing.

Ziwe, a comedian with a show on Showtime, brought up the subways in an interview with Yang, asking him about his favorite stop.

"It's my stop, so Times Square," Yang replied, to which she reacted with more than a little disbelief.

Yang replied, "It's big, it's cavernous, there are entertainers there, sure, what's not to like?"

Asked for comment, the Yang campaign pushed back against what it considers a narrative making the candidate out as someone who's not a real New Yorker.

Alyssa Cass, communications director, said, "It's hard to tell what offends them more — that his family has lived near that

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