

{TEST]:Changes to COVID-19 Guidance

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Colleagues,

As you may be aware, Centers for Disease Control and New York State Department of Health (NYS DOH) have recently updated their guidance for COVID-19. The new guidance can be accessed on CDC's [Respiratory Illnesses](#) page and no longer includes the requirement of an isolation period following a positive COVID test.

Based on the updated guidance of CDC/NYS DOH, the MTA has revised our employee COVID-19 policies, which include but are not limited to the following:

COVID Reporting

- The MTA no longer requires an employee to report positive COVID tests.
- The COVID hotline and self-service portal are no longer active.

5-day Isolation

- The MTA no longer requires an employee to isolate for 5-days following a positive COVID test.

COVID-19 Sick Leave

- Employees are required to use their personal sick leave if they are too ill to report to work. Going forward, New York State COVID Paid Sick Leave (NYSCPSL) will only be available when a quarantine or isolation order is issued by a public health authority. The NYSCPL expires July 31, 2025.

The MTA COVID-19 updated policies go into effect May 28, 2024.

Visit the [COVID-19 frequently asked questions](#) for more information.

Please continue best hygiene practices such as frequent hand washing and consider staying home if you are feeling sick.

Thank you and stay safe,

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