



## COVID-19 Visitor Policy

### Background

This policy supplements the New York Law School [COVID-19 Community-Wide Mandatory Vaccination Policy](#), announced on May 21, 2021.

Through this Visitor Policy, NYLS continues to seek to protect the health and well-being of our community members, as well as their families, and those who may visit the Law School from time to time, by lowering the risk of COVID-19 transmission and illness. The Policy is intended to comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws, guidance, and authority, including guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and public health and licensing authorities. In the case of a conflict between this Visitor Policy and such laws and/or guidance, the laws and/or guidance will control, except that the Law School may choose to impose additional restrictions than recommended by the CDC or other authority in order to protect the community.

### Policy Statement

*Visitors to the Law School are required to comply with the Vaccination Policy if they are on, or anticipate being on, campus on a frequent basis, which generally means three (3) or more times during any academic semester. Visitors to the Law School who anticipate being on campus fewer than three (3) times in any academic semester are not required to comply with the Vaccination Policy but are strongly encouraged to be vaccinated. All visitors to the Law School, regardless of vaccination status, are required to adhere to the masking, hygiene, and social distancing requirements set forth in other NYLS policies.*

#### **Regular visitors:**

Regular visitors are those people who are not NYLS faculty, staff, or students, but who may have reason to visit the NYLS campus three (3) or more times in any academic semester. Regular visitors may include alumni, certain vendors, clinic clients, or associates of faculty or staff. Such visitors are subject to the requirements of the Vaccination Policy, *i.e.*, they must submit proof of vaccination or have an approved medical or religious exemption, in which case they will be required to present proof of a negative COVID-19 test performed within seven days of their visit.

Regular visitors must present written evidence of vaccination from an authorized healthcare provider or pharmacy, or public health authority (e.g., the CDC Vaccination Card or the New York State Excelsior Pass), unless they have an approved request for a medical or religious exemption. Regular visitors should not submit any additional medical information as part of the proof that they have received the vaccine.

Visitors may access a HIPAA-compliant application hosted by OnTask to [upload proof of vaccination, or to request an exemption](#) from the vaccination requirement and [upload proof of weekly test results](#).

It will be the responsibility of the person or department being visited to inform any anticipated regular visitors of this Policy and their obligations relating to it.

**Non-regular visitors:**

Non-regular visitors are those people who may visit the Law School fewer than three (3) times in any semester. Non-regular visitors may include prospective students and their families, associates of faculty or staff, and certain delivery, repair, or maintenance personnel.

Any visitor to the Law School, including Non-regular visitors, will be required to successfully complete the daily LiveSafe survey prior to being permitted to enter campus.

**Related Precautions**

All visitors to the Law School, regardless of their vaccination status, must continue to take precautions against the spread of COVID-19. Accordingly, until further notice, all visitors, like all NYLS community members, must follow all NYLS COVID-19 policies and protocols, including but not limited to continuing to wear masks, washing hands or using hand sanitizer often, and practicing social distancing.

All visitors, regardless of their vaccination status, should also continue to monitor their daily health, and should not visit campus if they are feeling ill or if they have been exposed to an individual who was diagnosed with COVID-19.

Any visitor who falsifies documents provided pursuant to this policy, or knowingly submits false information pursuant to this policy will be subject to being barred from entering campus.

Please direct any questions regarding this policy to the NYLS General Counsel's Office.