

## **YOUTH POLICY INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOLS COVID-19 EMPLOYEE VACCINATION POLICY**

### **Purpose**

Consistent with Youth Policy Institute Charter School's ("YPICS" or the "School") legal duty to maintain a safe and healthy workplace and to limit the spread of COVID-19, the School shall enforce this COVID-19 Employee Vaccination Policy ("Policy"). The purpose of this Policy is to protect the health, safety, and well-being of all School employees, students, families, and stakeholders to the maximum extent possible, and to facilitate a safe and meaningful return to in-person instruction. At the time of adoption of this Policy, the COVID-19 vaccination is not available for most students (based upon student age). This Policy shall be implemented in a manner that is consistent with current federal, state, and local law, as well as applicable public health guidance, including that from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") and the California Department of Public Health ("CDPH").

### **Scope**

This Policy applies to all School employees who enter campus for any period, or have contact with any employees, students, or other School stakeholders, however brief. This Policy applies to COVID-19 vaccines that are currently available to School employees under Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") Emergency Use Authorization, as well as those that may later become available under FDA Emergency Use Authorization. Should any COVID-19 vaccine receive FDA non-emergency use authorization, this Policy will apply to such vaccines as well. Additionally, should any COVID-19 vaccine require two (2) doses for complete inoculation, compliance with this Policy requires both doses.

### **Policy**

It is the policy of the School to mandate that all employees receive the COVID-19 vaccine, once available. The School recognizes the possible operational realities of COVID-19 vaccine distribution issues, and that COVID-19 vaccines may not be available for all employees or for all School locations at the same time. However, once any vaccine opportunities become available, all School employees must inoculate for COVID-19. The School will provide employees with information regarding the operational logistics of such vaccination opportunities (e.g., opportunities to schedule vaccinations during the workday, reimbursement for mileage, etc.). As COVID-19 vaccines become more widely available, the School reserves the right to revise this Policy and mandate all employees vaccinate by a date certain.

Employees who refuse to comply with this Policy and who are not otherwise eligible for an accommodation consistent with applicable legal requirements as further detailed below will be placed on unpaid/inactive status until they comply. Employees who refuse to vaccinate for COVID-19 and who are not otherwise entitled to an accommodation will be excluded from campus/the workplace pending compliance with this Policy. Continued absences from work as a result of noncompliance with this Policy may be deemed unexcused, and result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination from employment.

Consistent with applicable law, the School will pay all nonexempt employees for time spent receiving the COVID-19 vaccine, assuming the vaccine cannot be obtained during working hours. The School will also reimburse all employees for the cost of the vaccine (if any), as well as reasonable and necessary mileage (if applicable). All reimbursements require appropriate supporting documentation.

### **Proof of Vaccination**

Once School employees receive the COVID-19 vaccine, either when directed to do so or when available, they must provide the School with written proof of COVID-19 vaccination. Written proof of COVID-19 vaccination currently means a vaccination card disbursed to COVID-19 recipients, post inoculation. Failure to provide the School with written proof of COVID-19 vaccination upon request by the School constitutes noncompliance with this Policy. The School further reserves the right to request proof of both the first and second vaccination doses for COVID-19, if applicable.

When providing proof of vaccination, employees must not provide any medical or genetic information to the School. It is an employee's responsibility to ensure their proof of vaccination is free from medical and genetic information.

The School shall strictly maintain confidentiality of all employee COVID-19 vaccination data and related medical information, other than reporting the results to federal, state, and local health departments or agencies, only where required by law. The School will store all medical information about any employee separately from the employee's personnel file in order to limit access to this confidential information. The School will have a separate confidential medical file for each employee where the School stores employee medical information. Medical information includes COVID-19 vaccination data.

### **Continued Health and Safety Protocol**

Consistent with the School's health and safety protocol, including its COVID-19 Health and Safety Policy and COVID-19 Injury and Illness Prevention Plan Addendum, and until guidance from federal, state, and local public health agencies is revised, all employees must continue to abide by all COVID-19 health and safety protocols, regardless of vaccination status. This includes but is not limited to continued use of facial coverings and social distancing practices.

### **Requests for Accommodations**

Employees who are unable to comply with this Policy due to a qualifying disability or sincerely held religious belief, practice, or observance as defined by applicable law may be entitled to an accommodation from the School's COVID-19 vaccination requirement. Once the School is on notice that an employee may be unable to comply with the Policy due to a qualifying disability or sincerely held religious belief, practice, or observance, the School will engage in an interactive process with the employee, and work to identify any possible accommodations. As part of the interactive process, the School reserves the right to request supporting documentation or a medical certification which documents the basis for the requested accommodation. The School may not be required to provide employees with an accommodation should the accommodation result in a direct threat to health and safety at the School or to the employee, or if the accommodation will cause an undue hardship for the School. Employees who believe they may be entitled to a legally valid

accommodation consistent with this Policy should contact the School as outlined below to address this matter further.

**Non-Discrimination**

The School will not discriminate, harass, or retaliate against any employee for receiving the COVID-19 vaccine, refusing to receive to the COVID-19 vaccine, or for requesting a lawfully-recognized accommodation from the COVID-19 vaccination Policy.

**Disclaimer**

As public health and legal guidance regarding COVID-19 vaccinations evolves, the School reserves the right to revise this Policy. Upon any revision to this Policy, the School will provide immediate notice in writing to all employees.

Should you have any questions regarding this Policy, you may contact **Executive Director Yvette King-Berg** at [ykingberg@ypics.org](mailto:ykingberg@ypics.org).

**Confirmation of Receipt**

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have received, read, and understand the School’s COVID-19 Employee Vaccination Policy.

I also understand that if I have any questions regarding this Policy, I shall contact the School as outlined above.

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Print Name

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Date

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Signature