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MEMORANDUM

TO: State of Vermont Executive Branch Employees

FROM: Beth Fastiggi, Commissioner-Dept. of Human Resources

DATE: March 23, 2022

RE: End of State employee COVID-19 Testing and/or Vaccine Attestation Requirement

Effective April 4, 2022, the requirement for State employees to either attest to being fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or be subject to weekly COVID-19 testing will end. As a result, the State employee test kit distribution and collection sites will cease operations on April 1, 2022. Questions regarding attestation and testing requirements should be directed to your HR Business Partner.

This transition, along with the March 14, 2022, elimination of the masking requirement for members of the public, visitors, and unattested State employees, is a significant milestone as we continue to see case trend improvements since the height of the COVID-19 Omicron surge. This guidance, however, is always subject to change as circumstances require, and I appreciate your continued patience, and flexibility as we navigate the transition from pandemic to endemic. Remember, the most effective way to combat COVID-19 and keep our communities, worksites, and families healthy is to be up to date with vaccinations.

I want to personally thank the many State employees who were instrumental with the establishment, management, and staffing of the test kit distribution and collection sites, and for all their hard work beyond their regular responsibilities to make this program run smoothly over the past several months.

Congregate facilities such as the Vermont Psychiatric Care Hospital, Vermont Veterans' Home, and correctional facilities should continue to follow all facility specific vaccination, masking, and testing protocols.

Please continue to be considerate of others by washing your hands often, being respectful of those who choose to wear masks, staying home when sick, and getting tested for COVID-19 in accordance with Vermont Department of Heath guidance or your healthcare provider.

Please be aware that free COVID-19 testing is still widely available in Vermont. For more information about testing locations, please visit the Vermont Department of Health testing webpage.

Thank you again for making the health and well-being of Vermont State employees a priority and for your continued diligence and understanding.