



## NEW YORK STRUCTURAL BIOLOGY CENTER

### COVID-19 – PLANNING DOCUMENT

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**THE GUIDELINES BELOW WERE DEVELOPED BASED ON WHAT IS CURRENTLY KNOWN ABOUT THE TRANSMISSION AND SEVERITY OF COVID-19 AND COVID-19 VARIANTS AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

<b>The following rules apply to all NYSBC staff:</b>	
<b>Vaccination</b>	All staff members are required to be fully vaccinated. <sup>1</sup> You will be considered fully vaccinated 7 days after receiving a booster shot. A copy of your proof of vaccination (e.g., CDC card, NYS Excelsior Pass) should be sent to Arjun Koshal.
<b>Masks</b>	Masks are strongly recommended to be worn in the Center unless you are alone in your lab or office.
<b>COVID-19 Symptoms</b>	Even if you have been vaccinated, DO NOT come to the Center if you have any of the following symptoms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cough</li><li>• Repeated shaking with chills</li><li>• Fever</li><li>• Chills</li><li>• New loss of taste or smell</li><li>• Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing</li><li>• Muscle pain</li><li>• Headache</li><li>• Sore throat</li></ul>
<b>Protocol for Exposure to COVID-19</b>	If you have received your booster shot and are asymptomatic, you may return to the Center after being exposed to someone who had COVID-19. However, you must wear a KN95 or N95 mask for 10 days after your exposure and we recommend that you get tested with a rapid antigen test 5 to 7 days after the exposure, even if you do not have symptoms.  Notify your supervisor and Arjun Koshal of any close contact with someone who had COVID-19.

<sup>1</sup> Reasonable accommodations will be made for staff who refuse vaccination due to pregnancy, disability or sincerely held religious belief or practice.



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<b>Protocol for COVID-19 Symptoms and/or Positive Test</b>	<p>All individuals who test positive for COVID-19 can return onsite after 5 days if (i) they are asymptomatic or their symptoms are resolving (without fever for 24 hours), and (ii) they test negative <u>twice</u> using a rapid antigen test (or once with a PCR test) within 24 hours of their proposed return onsite. Day 0 is considered the first day of symptom onset and/or the day of a positive test result.</p> <p>You must wear a KN95 or N95 mask while around others for an additional 5 days.</p> <p>Individuals who are moderately-severely immunocompromised should return onsite after 10 days.</p> <p>Notify your supervisor and Arjun Koshal if you have COVID-19 symptoms or tested positive for COVID-19.</p>
<b>Transportation</b>	<p>If you travel by public transportation, taxi or car service, wear a KN95 or N95 mask and, to the extent possible, stay at least six feet from other people.</p>

<b>The following rules apply to affiliates, visitors, and contractors:</b>	
<b>Vaccination</b>	<p>Affiliates, visitors, and contractors who <u>do not</u> show proof of vaccination must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• take a rapid antigen test upon entering the facility (maximum of one test per week if visiting for more than one day), and</li><li>• wear a KN95 or N95 mask at all times while onsite.</li></ul>
<b>COVID-19 Symptoms</b>	<p>Even if affiliates, visitors or contractors have been vaccinated, they are not permitted to come to the Center if they have any COVID-19 symptoms (described above).</p>