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# New York Supreme Court reinstates all employees fired for being unvaccinated, orders backpay

State Supreme Court found that being vaccinated 'does not' stop the spread of COVID-19

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[A New York state Supreme Court](#) ordered all New York City employees who were fired for not being vaccinated to be reinstated with back pay.

The court found Monday that "being vaccinated does not prevent an individual from contracting or transmitting COVID-19." [New York City Mayor Eric Adams](#) claimed earlier this year that his administration would not rehire employees who had been fired over their vaccination status.

NYC fired roughly 1,700 employees for being unvaccinated earlier this year after the city adopted a vaccine mandate under former Mayor Bill de Blasio.

Many of those fired [were police officers and firefighters.](#)

## NYC MAYOR OFFICIAL EXEMPTS ATHLETES, PERFORMERS FROM COVID VAX MANDATE



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The New York state Supreme Court has reinstated all employees who were fired for not being vaccinated, ordering back pay and saying their rights had been violated. (Mike Coppola/Getty Images)

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FDNY-Uniformed Firefighters Association President Andrew Ansbro and FDNY-Uniformed Fire Officers Association President Lt. James McCarthy condemned Adams earlier this year after the mayor allowed an exception to the vaccine mandate for athletes and performers, even as firefighters were still being fired over their status. The pair called on the city to expand the exception to all New Yorkers.

### **NYC WON'T REHIRE UNVACCINATED WORKERS, MAYOR SAYS**

"We're here to say that we support the revocation of the vaccine mandate that the mayor announced on Thursday," McCarthy said. "We think that it should be extended as well. We support the revocation of the mandate for



Police officers stand guard as people gather to protest vaccine mandates for city workers at City Hall Park on Nov. 3, 2021, in New York City. (Michael M. Santiago/Getty Images)

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"If you're going to remove the vaccine mandate for certain people in the city, you need to remove it for everybody in the city," Ansbro said. "If you're going to follow the science, science is going to tell you there isn't any danger right now, and putting hundreds of firefighters, police officers and other emergency workers out of work is not in the best interest of the city. It's not safe."

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