



NYC Mayor Eric Adams fires 1,752 city employees for not taking the COVID-19 vaccine (that doesn't stop COVID infections)

Description

USA: New York City Mayor Eric Adams has fired 1,752 city employees for refusing to get the Wuhan coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccines.

Most of the firings occurred in February, when Adams fired 1,430 city employees for refusing to get vaccinated, including 914 Education Department staffers and 36 New York Police Department officers.

In March, Adams fired another 100 workers. From March until the present day, Adams fired around 200 more city employees. Adams' office declined to provide a specific list of departments that were severely affected by the vaccine mandate.

But media outlets like the *New York Post* and the *Epoch Times* reported that other city departments that saw their staffing numbers cut by the vaccine mandate include the Transportation Department, the Fire Department, the Housing Authority, the Corrections Department and the Sanitation Department.

Last month, Adams offered the workers who were fired for remaining unvaccinated a chance to get their jobs back provided that they get the first dose of the vaccine by June 30 and make arrangements to get the second dose by Aug. 15. It is unknown how many former employees have taken up the mayor's offer.

Furthermore, around 6,000 city workers are still awaiting a response from Adams' administration regarding their applications for medical or religious exemptions from the vaccine mandate.

Mayor Adams criticized for severe COVID-19 policies, double standards

New York has had some of the most restrictive COVID-19 policies in the country. In terms of its vaccine mandate, it requires almost everyone employed in the city – whether in public or private offices – to be vaccinated. Former Mayor Bill de Blasio, Adams' predecessor, even cracked down on most

social gatherings, including religious services.

When Adams became mayor in Nov. 2021, he maintained most of these restrictive policies, leading to widespread criticism. He was first criticized for maintaining the city's school mask mandate, which requires every child, including toddlers, to wear masks throughout their long school days.

In March, Adams was accused of having double standards in the enforcement of his COVID-19 policies when word leaked that he granted vaccine mandate exemptions to professional athletes and performers coming to the city.

This relaxation of mandatory rules was only for high-earning celebrities. Private and public employees were still required to be fully vaccinated.

"This exemption sends the wrong message: That higher-paid workers and celebrities are being valued as more important than our devoted civil servants, which I reject," said New York City Council Speaker Adrienne Adams.

"There can't be one system for the elite and another for the essential workers of our city," said Harry Nespoli, chair of the Municipal Labor Committee, a coalition of unions that together represent around 350,000 city employees.

Pat Lynch, president of the New York City police union, said the city's officers "don't deserve to be treated like second-class citizens."

"If the mandate isn't necessary for famous people, then it's not necessary for the cops who are protecting our city in the middle of a crime crisis," he said.

Watch this video about Washington State Patrol employees [getting fired for refusing to get COVID-19 vaccine](#).

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