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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (March 18, 2022)** - More than 140 Port Authority employees returned to work this week after showing proof that they were fully vaccinated, an encouraging sign just days after the vaccine requirement went into effect.

“We are thrilled to welcome so many of our colleagues back to work,” said Port Authority CEO Katharine Kelleman. “I’ve heard from so many riders over the past few days who’ve told me they feel safer and more comfortable knowing that all of our employees are vaccinated.

I’m happy to report that as of this morning, more than 90% of our employees are either fully vaccinated or well on their way.”

There are now a total of 340 employees being held off work pending disciplinary hearings (204 who remain unvaccinated and 136 with one dose). Of the 136 employees who have received one dose, 86 are operators. Port Authority has about 2,600 employees, including 1,120 operators.

The employees who recently returned to work either received a the single-dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine or previously had their first dose of the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine and received their second dose this week.

Employees who have presented proof that they are fully vaccinated have had their disciplinary hearings canceled and have been returned to work for their next scheduled shift.

Disciplinary hearings for employees who remain unvaccinated or have only one dose began today. It is anticipated that those with one dose will return to work on a 30-day probationary period pending their second dose. Employees who remain unvaccinated could face discipline up to and including termination.

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