



Pittsburgh Regional Transit

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (August 29, 2023) - In 2022, Pittsburgh Regional Transit announced COVID-19 vaccination requirements to promote the health and safety of our workforce, protecting not only existing and future employees and their families, but thousands of vulnerable riders and communities that rely on public transportation daily.

Prior to PRT's adoption of the vaccination requirement, seven employees died as a result of the virus, four before the vaccine was widely available. Since then, there have been no reported employee deaths or hospitalizations. Nationally, COVID-19 deaths and hospitalizations have declined substantially, as have cases among PRT employees.

Today, PRT is announcing that it will end its COVID-19 vaccine requirements for employees effective August 31, 2023.

PRT's vaccination requirements helped ensure the safety of workers throughout Allegheny County. PRT achieved 98% compliance since the policy went into effect on February 1, 2022.

PRT's vaccine mandate resulted in 84 terminations, including 43 operators. They will each have an opportunity to return to work.

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