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Re: **Excelsior Pass**
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News Release: Be A Part of New York's Safe Reopening with Excelsior Pass

Excelsior Pass is a free, fast, and secure way to present digital proof of COVID-19 vaccination or negative test results. The pass will support a safe reopening of New York so businesses and venues can validate your pass to ensure you meet vaccination or testing requirements before entry. New York State residents who received their vaccine or a negative test in NYS can go to **epass.ny.gov** to get their pass for free, or download the Excelsior Pass Wallet app to their phone and follow the instructions to retrieve.

Participation is voluntary, your privacy is protected, and there is no health information shared. Think of it as a mobile airline boarding pass, but for your vaccine. You don't need a smart phone; Excelsior Pass will work with any type of phone or you can print it out. The pass is good for 365 days, starting the 15th day after your final dose. If you have your pass from receiving a negative test result, it is good for three days from a PCR and 6 hours from an Antigen test. If your test has expired, you need to get a new test; and if your expiration date on your vaccination has expired, then redo your Excelsior Pass for the most up to date expiration date.

Currently the Excelsior Pass is only available to individuals who were vaccinated or had a negative test in the State of New York. If you are a New York State resident but were vaccinated outside of New York, then you can contact your NYS healthcare provider directly to input your vaccine information into the secure New York databases. You will then be able to retrieve your Excelsior Pass from **epass.ny.gov** at any time.

For more information about the Excelsior Pass and how it works you can go online to: https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/excelsior-pass

Let's Get Allegany County "Back to Normal" sooner! Get Vaccinated!
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