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Equinox Hotels sets COVID-19 vaccine requirement

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Equinox Hotels will be requiring proof of COVID-19 vaccination. Image credit: Equinox

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Equinox Hotels, the hospitality arm of luxury fitness club Equinox, will be requiring proof of COVID-19 vaccination for all guests starting next month.

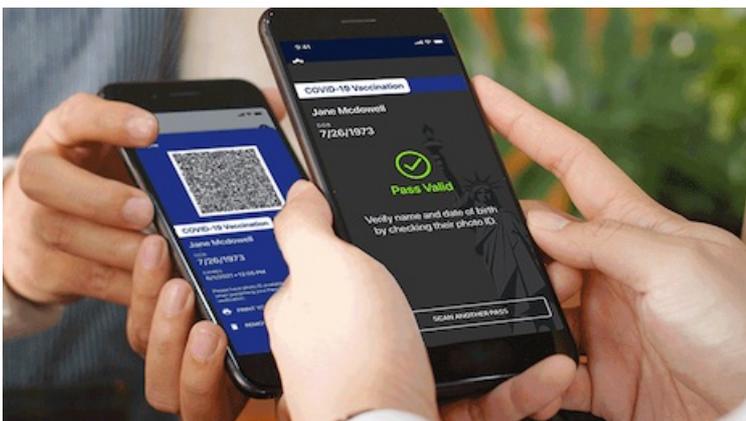
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The move is in line with New York's new indoor vaccine mandate, announced on Aug. 3. As the delta variant contributes to rising COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations, more hospitality brands, retailers and other businesses are requiring proof of vaccination or reinstating mask policies.

Vaccine pass

Starting Sept. 13, **Equinox Hotels New York** will be asking guests to show a one-time proof of vaccination. This coincides with the new regulations from the city.

Proof of vaccination can be provided in the form of a physical vaccine card, a photo of an immunization card or a digital vaccine card such as New York State's Excelsior Pass.



New York State has launched Excelsior Pass, a digital health pass, in spring 2021. Image credit: New York State

Equinox Group announced earlier this month that it would require COVID-19 vaccine proof at its fitness clubs, SoulCycle studios and corporate offices as of September.

The first Equinox Hotel opened in June 2019 at Hudson Yards.

The New York property features 212 rooms, including 48 suites. Reflecting the importance of sleep to one's health, each room is soundproof and includes a blackout window system and all natural fiber mattresses from CocoMat ([see story](#)).

Plans for an Equinox Hotel in Seattle were scrapped, but a new location is reportedly set to open in Los Angeles in early 2022.

As part of the Equinox Standard, the New York hotel has implemented strict hygiene and cleaning standards, including touchless disinfection tools, an enhanced mobile app for contactless experiences and in-room dining.

Several luxury cruise lines, including Regent Seven Seas and Silversea, are also requiring proof of vaccination ([see story](#)).

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