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NYS Courts to Implement New Health Safety Protocols in Response to Increase in COVID Cases

NEW YORK—In response to the recent increase in the COVID-19 positivity rate—and following new state guidance—Chief Judge Janet DiFiore and Chief Administrative Lawrence K. Marks today announced that the Unified Court System will be implementing a new policy.

The new policy, to take effect in the coming weeks, will require Unified Court System judges and non-judicial employees who have not been vaccinated to undergo regular testing for COVID-19.

This new program strongly encourages judges and court employees who have not yet done so, to get vaccinated, especially in light of the risks posed by the new COVID-19 variants.

Details regarding the new program will be announced in the coming days.

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