

Signed by the Presiding Officers

12/02/2021

RULES
CONCERNING THE ACCESS TO LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOMS, SENATE
AND ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS, AND OTHER AREAS WHICH THE PRESIDING
OFFICERS CONTROL

1. The Presiding Officers have the authority to protect the safety of members, officers and employees of the Legislature in performance of their official duties, as well as that of the general public in connection with the conduct of the Legislature's official business, as per Senate Rule 3.2 and Assembly Rule 4.2.

2. The following rules are being established to prevent the spread of COVID-19, to provide a continuity of operations, and to protect the health, safety and well-being of all Members of the Legislature, employees, visitors to the legislative committee rooms, Senate and Assembly Chambers, and other areas which the Presiding Officers control. These rules shall supplement, and be in addition to, the rules set forth by the State Capitol Joint Management Commission.

3. All persons, except as otherwise specified herein, who wish to enter the legislative committee rooms, Senate and Assembly Chambers, and other areas which the Presiding Officers control on committee days, voting sessions, quorum calls, and for any other meetings or gatherings, other than school tours, must show ID and proof of full vaccination or a negative COVID-19 PCR or rapid test conducted within the previous 72 hours.

- Member and employees of the Legislature who have previously provided their employer or respective Presiding Officer with proof of full vaccination and/or a negative COVID-19 PCR or rapid test that was conducted within the previous seven (7) days, shall not be required to provide additional proof of vaccination to attend committee days, voting sessions, quorum calls, or for any other meetings or gatherings in the legislative committee rooms, Senate and Assembly Chambers, and other areas which the Presiding Officers control, but will be required to show their New Jersey State House Capitol Complex identification card and verbally attest to their compliance with the policy of the their respective House or employer.
- Members of the Legislature who are attending voting sessions, quorum calls, or any other meetings or gatherings in the legislative committee rooms, Senate and Assembly Chambers, and other areas which the Presiding Officers control who have not previously provided proof of full vaccination to their respective Presiding Officer must provide proof of full vaccination or a negative COVID-19 PCR or rapid test result from a test that was conducted in the previous seven (7) days.

4. As defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), an individual is fully vaccinated against COVID-19 if the following criteria are met:

- a. It has been at least 2 weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines; or
- b. It has been at least 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine.

5. For rapid test results to satisfy the requirements set forth herein, the test must be an antigen or molecular test that has received Emergency Use Authorization by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") or are operating per the Laboratory Developed Test requirements by the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Self-tests are acceptable, with the requirement that the person utilizing such a test provides the testing results. Antibody tests (also known as a serology test) indicate a past infection and are not acceptable tests for this testing requirement.

6. If any person seeking to enter the legislative committee rooms, Senate and Assembly Chambers, and other areas which the Presiding Officers control fails to submit the required documentation as set forth in paragraph 3, they will be denied entry.

7. In public areas, masks must be worn by everyone in the legislative committee rooms, Senate and Assembly Chambers, and other areas which the Presiding Officers control. Masks shall be made available upon request.

8. For the gallery of the Senate Chamber and the Assembly Chamber, capacity shall be limited to 1/3 of the seats. For committee rooms, every other chair shall not be used with the unavailable chair turned around or otherwise marked as unavailable.

9. If any member of the Legislature is found to be in non-compliance with this policy, the member shall be denied entry to the legislative committee rooms, Senate and Assembly Chambers, and other areas which the Presiding Officers control. For any member who does not comply, the Presiding Officer of that Member's house will be notified and the member shall be provided with remote access via phone or other electronic means to participate in committees and/or voting sessions.

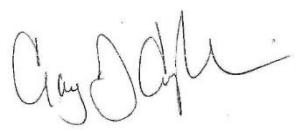
10. A copy of these rules shall be posted or otherwise available at all entrances to the legislative committee rooms, Senate and Assembly Chambers, and other areas which the Presiding Officers control.

12/2/2021
Date



President of the Senate

12/2/2021
Date



Speaker of the General Assembly