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### Update for May 17, 2022

Kentucky Court of Justice Community:

### COVID-19 testing leave and emergency sick leave to expire May 31, vaccine leave remains in place for court employees

In light of the reduced risk of COVID-19, the availability of at-home COVID tests and updated guidance from the [Centers for Disease Control](#), COVID-19 testing leave and emergency sick leave for Kentucky Court of Justice employees will expire May 31, 2022.

The Supreme Court issued these changes in [Administrative Order 2022-25: COVID-19 Vaccine Leave for Kentucky Court of Justice Employees](#), which rescinds [Administrative Order 2021-32](#) in its entirety. The new order goes into effect June 1, 2022.

Recognizing the importance of COVID-19 vaccines in reducing infection and preventing severe illness, [Administrative Order 2022-25](#) continues to provide COVID-19 vaccine leave. An employee is eligible to claim up to two hours of paid leave if he or she:

- Works the day the COVID-19 vaccine dose is obtained.
- Receives prior approval from his or her appointing authority, who may specify when the employee can be absent from work.
- Provides documentation of the vaccine dose to his or her appointing authority during the pay period the leave is claimed.

Employees who obtain a COVID-19 vaccine dose will be credited with compensatory time for any unused vaccine leave hours if he or she does not miss any work hours. An employee who claims vaccine leave but does not actually receive a dose on the day he or she has claimed leave will be subject to disciplinary action.

If you have any questions about these changes, please email [COVIDCourtConcerns@kycourts.net](mailto:COVIDCourtConcerns@kycourts.net).

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