

August 31, 2022 Via first class mail and email to: [jeromejohnson@utulocal60.com](mailto:jeromejohnson@utulocal60.com)

Mr. Jerome Johnson  
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Re: NJ TRANSIT Rail Operations Procedures for the Administration of Represented Employees  
Concerning the Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Dear Mr. Johnson:

As you know, since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, numerous iterations of the “Rail Policy” have been issued, most recently, the update of May 24, 2022, which superseded prior policies issued on March 14, 2020, May 5, 2020, December 31, 2020, September 20, 2021, and April 27, 2022.

Be advised that effective tomorrow, September 1, 2022, all NJT COVID-19 related policy implementations are no longer in effect. Going forward, all COVID-19 related absences will be handled in a manner similar to other illnesses and will be subject to applicable rules of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, and potentially the Carrier’s attendance policy.

Further, effective September 1, 2022, unvaccinated employees are no longer required to submit to weekly COVID-19 testing. This means that employees should discontinue the use of such test kits. In the event an employee attempts to submit a test on or after September 1, 2022, there will be no payments issued for such testing. Employees should return any unused test kits to their Supervisor/Manager.

Please note that employees are no longer required to report COVID-19 related illness to Medical Services or the COVID-19 Hotline. (The COVID-19 Hotline (888-890-0729) has been discontinued).

All COVID-related questions should be directed to the NJ TRANSIT COVID Help Line at 973-378-6200, or [covidresults@njtransit.com](mailto:covidresults@njtransit.com).

Very truly yours,



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