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ArchCare to Mandate COVID Vaccination for All Employees

New York, NY, August 5, 2021 – Effective today, [ArchCare](#), the Archdiocese of New York’s healthcare system that every day cares for more than 9,000 seniors, the poor and persons with special needs, will be implementing a COVID-19 vaccine mandate for all 5,000 ArchCare employees, including office staff and administrative staff. The COVID vaccination requirement at ArchCare is already a term of employment for new employees throughout the organization and employees of the Specialty Hospital at ArchCare at Terence Cardinal Cooke Health Care Center, which treats young children who are currently ineligible for vaccination. The deadline for full vaccination and completion of the second dose is October 1, 2021. ArchCare’s current staff vaccination rate is at 85%.

“Our chief concern is the health and well-being of our vulnerable community of elders who we serve in our homes and programs. It is critically important for our entire staff to be vaccinated,” said Scott LaRue, ArchCare’s President and Chief Executive Officer. “As the first provider of post-acute and elder care in New York to implement a vaccination mandate, we hope to encourage more of our neighbor organizations to do the same.”

“After not having any cases for a couple of months, we are now beginning to see employees again test positive for the virus, which is typically a harbinger of future infections among residents,” La Rue added. “Our system has significantly invested in technology, staff and training to position ourselves as the leader in infection control and prevention in the post-acute environment. As

healthcare workers, we are also ethically and professionally obligated to prevent spreading COVID-19 to our residents and participants, and to each other.”

About ArchCare

ArchCare is the Continuing Care Community of the Archdiocese of New York, and one of the nation’s largest and most dynamic Catholic healthcare systems. ArchCare provides quality care to thousands of people of all faiths through its home and community-based and residential care programs, including health plans and nursing home alternatives, adult day care, long-term skilled nursing care, short-term rehabilitation, home care, assisted living, hospice, an acute care specialty hospital and services for people with Huntington’s disease, HIV/AIDS, developmental disabilities and other specialized care needs.

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