



Councilmember Anita Bonds

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To extend, on an emergency basis, the eligibility to receive free COVID-19 services, including testing kits, testing services, vaccinations, and boosters, from the District government to any person who lives, works, or attends an institution of higher learning in the District, and to revise the proof of District residency requirement to receive those services to include proof of employment in the District of Columbia, enrollment in an institution of higher learning in the District, or self-attestation of District residency in exceptional circumstances including homelessness and domestic violence.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Expanded Eligibility Criteria to Receive Free COVID-19 Services Emergency Act of 2022”.

Sec. 2. Definitions.

For purposes of this act, the term “institution of higher learning” shall have the same meaning as in 38 U.S. Code § 3452.

Sec. 3. Eligibility to receive free COVID-19 services in the District.

(a) Any person who lives, works, or attends an institution of higher learning in the District shall be eligible to receive free COVID-19 services, including testing kits, testing

36 services, vaccinations, and booster shots, provided to District residents by the District
37 government.

38 (b) Proof of residency, employment, or enrollment in an institution of higher learning
39 may include any one of the following that is in the person's name:

40 (1) A valid District motor vehicle registration or District -issued driver's
41 license or identification card;

42 (2) A valid District voter registration card;

43 (3) A District-based employer issued identification card;

44 (4) An identification card issued by an institution of higher learning located in the
45 District;

46 (5) A copy of an active lease agreement, certified deed, or mortgage statement with
47 a District address;

48 (6) An unexpired sublease accompanied by the original unexpired lease with the
49 name of the certifier as sub-lessor;

50 (7) A District property tax bill or tax assessment issued within the last 12 months
51 reflecting the applicant's name and property address;

52 (8) An unexpired homeowner's or renter's insurance policy reflecting name and
53 address;

54 (9) A letter with a picture from Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency
55 or DC Department of Corrections certifying name and District residency issued within the last 60
56 days;

57 (10) A phone or utility bill from within the past two months with a District address;

58 (11) Cancelled checks or receipts for mortgage or rental payments on a residential
59 property with a District address within the past 2 months;

60 (12) Proof of automobile insurance showing a District address;

61 (13) A signed District Department of Motor Vehicles proof of residency form from
62 another District resident stating that the applicant lives at their address in the District; or

63 (14) Self-attestation of residency without paper documentation in exceptional
64 circumstances, including homelessness or domestic violence.

65 Sec. 4. Fiscal impact.

66 The Council adopts the fiscal statement of the Budget Director as the fiscal impact
67 statement required by section 4(a) of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975, approved
68 October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47(a)).

69 Sec. 5. Effective date.

70 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
71 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), and shall remain in effect for no longer than
72 90 days, as provided for emergency acts of the Council of the District of Columbia in section
73 412(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 788;
74 D.C. Official Code § 1-204.12(a)).