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[New York COVID-19 vaccine mandates for government workers facing growing union backlash](#) –One New York union says it is **considering its legal options to fight the state’s decision** | 28 July 2021 | Public employee unions in New York are pushing back against newly-announced dictates requiring workers to get vaccinated for COVID-19 or submit to regular testing for the virus. FDNY EMS Local 2507 President Oren Barzilay blasted the mayor’s decision following the news, saying his union – which represents the city’s 4,300 EMS workers – took them by surprise with the move. **“The city and the mayor cannot simply disregard the civil liberties of the workforce,”** he told The Associated Press. “The unions are really, really aggravated that the mayor sprung this on everybody,” sanitation workers’ union President Harry Nespoli [told The New York Times](#). On Wednesday, Democratic New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced there would be a requirement for vaccination or testing for public employees at the state level, too.

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