

# Excelsior Pass

*Be a part of a safely reopened New York*

*As of March 2021*

# Vaccines and Testing Are Critical to the Reopening – And New York Is Expanding Capacity to Meet the Moment

- **New York State is continuing to ramp up vaccinations, with approx. 180,000 vaccines administered each day**
- **The State has built nation-leading testing capacity – more than 200,000 tests are conducted per day**
- **Expanded vaccination and testing capacity is allowing New York State to safely resume more economic activities**



# State Guidance: Key economic activities require proof of vaccine or negative COVID-19 test

## **Wedding receptions and in-person, catered events:**

- As of March 19, 50% capacity in NYC and 75% outside NYC with no more than 150 people indoors. Above the maximum social gathering limit, attendees must show proof of recent negative test or vaccination.

## **Event, arts, and entertainment venues:**

- As of April 1, large outdoor performing arts venues that hold more than 2,500 people can reopen at 20 percent capacity. Attendees must show proof of a recent negative test or vaccination.
- As of April 2, smaller-scale performing arts and live entertainment can reopen at 33% capacity, up to 100 people indoors and up to 200 people outdoors. Capacity increases up to 150 people indoors and up to 500 people outdoors if attendees show proof of a recent negative test or vaccination.

## **Sports stadiums and arenas:**

- As of February 23, professional sports in large indoor arenas that hold 10,000 people or more reopened at 10% capacity. Attendees must show proof of a recent negative test or vaccination.
- As of April 1, smaller sports venues that hold 1,500 people indoors or 2,500 people outdoors can reopen at 10% capacity indoors or 20% outdoors. Attendees must show proof of a recent negative test or vaccination.
- As of April 1, professional sports in large outdoor stadiums that hold 10,000 people or more will be allowed to reopen at 20% capacity. Attendees must show proof of a recent negative test or vaccination.

# New York State is expanding services that will facilitate the reopening of venues and businesses in line with new guidance

We are expanding low-cost rapid testing, with the launch of the **New York Forward Rapid Test Program** providing an extensive rapid testing network for event attendees.



We are launching **Excelsior Pass**: the secure one-stop source for up-to-date test results and vaccination status for New Yorkers.



# How can these expanded services help New York State venues and businesses?

## New York Forward Rapid Test Program

Gives venue owners additional sites to refer day-of-event attendees for rapid testing.



## Excelsior Pass

Provides venues and patrons with secure test and vaccine information, easily scanned to ensure convenient event flow-through.



# New York Forward Rapid Test Program

The New York Forward Rapid Test Program is a unique public-private partnership to make low-cost rapid testing available to the public to support enhanced economic activity, including weddings, catered events and arts and entertainment venues.

Dozens of sites are open across the state offering rapid testing for no more than \$30 and providing participants results within 30 minutes. Individuals that are not experiencing COVID symptoms and that have not had a recent known exposure to COVID-19 may participate.

The program supplements New York State's nation-leading diagnostic testing capacity.

To learn more, visit: [NY.Gov/RapidTestProgram](https://ny.gov/rapidtestprogram)



**How do individuals store test results and vaccine status?**

**How can businesses and venues verify results and/or vaccine status?**



**Introducing...**

**New York State Excelsior Pass.**

# Excelsior Pass Overview

**Excelsior Pass gives NYS residents and workers a convenient method to share and control access to their COVID vaccination and testing records.**

**Users can show their “Pass” to businesses (or other authorized verifiers) and the verifier can instantly determine that the pass is valid.**

**Verifiers only have the ability to validate a holder’s pass, and are not able to see any more information than is necessary to verify validity. This protects the privacy of the user and enables security of the underlying vaccination and test data.**



## Coming soon!



# Excelsior Pass Journey

Business



**Sarah**

Catering/Wedding  
Coordinator



Downloads Excelsior  
Pass Scanner



Ready to Scan



Scans Pass



Resident



**Michael**

Receives  
Vaccination



SMS msg linking to  
epass.ny.gov



Verifies  
Identity



Downloads Excelsior  
Pass Wallet

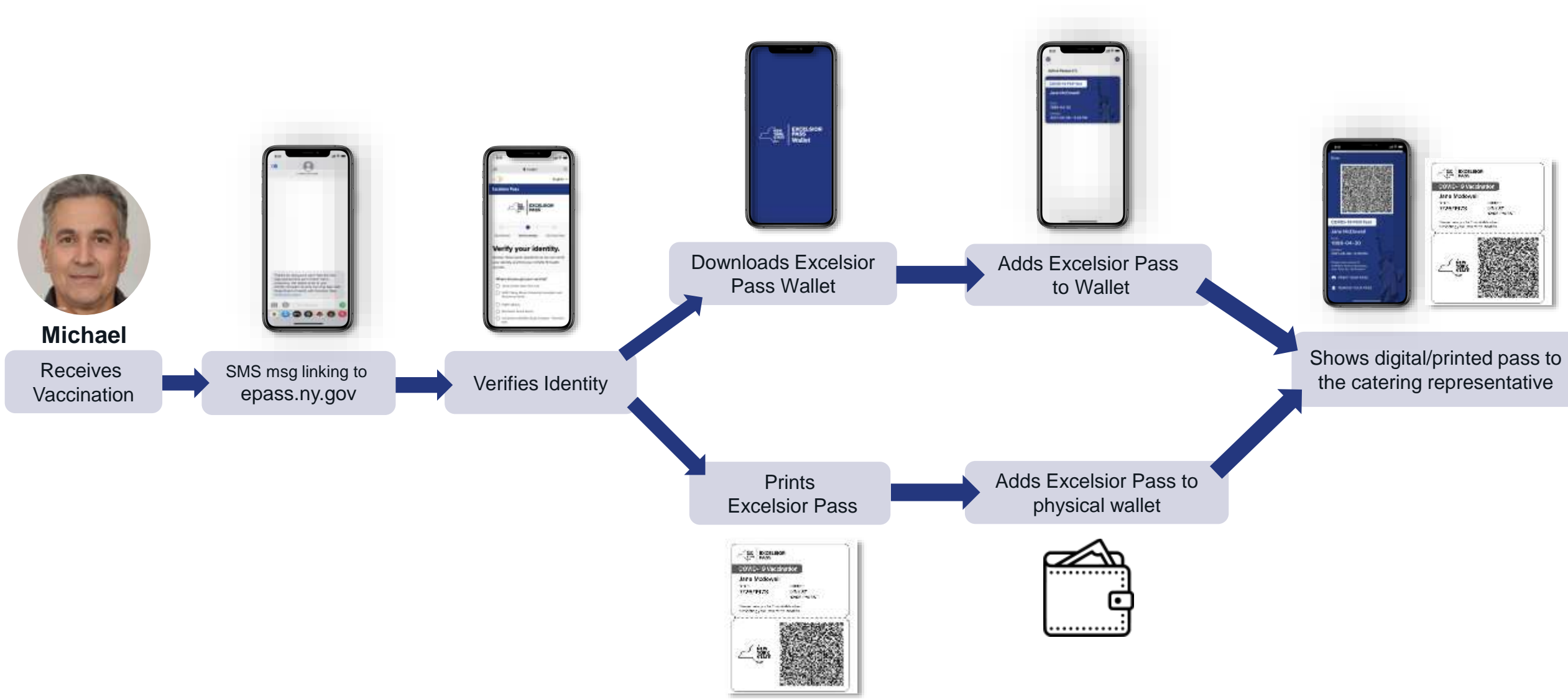


Adds Pass to  
Wallet



Shows Pass to the  
catering representative

# Accessing Excelsior Pass



# How can venue and business owners take advantage of these expanded services?

- **Visit NY.Gov/RapidTestProgram frequently to find rapid test sites in your area – new locations opening statewide**
- **Encourage event attendees to download Excelsior Pass Wallet when available in anticipation of future events**
- **Download and use Excelsior Pass Scanner when available for all your events to conveniently verify testing results and/or vaccine status and minimize event entry waiting time**

