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CALIFORNIA MOVES “BEYOND THE BLUEPRINT” WHAT THIS REOPENING MEANS FOR MONO COUNTY

June 15, 2021 – Effective June 15, 2021, California will fully reopen with capacity and distancing restrictions lifted for most businesses and activities (with limited exceptions for mega-events) based upon a number of general public health recommendations. The state will officially move “Beyond the Blueprint for a Safer Economy” by lifting the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) [Blueprint Activity and Business Tiers chart](#) introduced on August 28, 2020, as well as the Regional Stay-At-Home Order introduced early in the pandemic.

According to CDPH, *“everyday life will feel a lot like before COVID-19. Restaurants, shopping malls, movie theaters, and most everyday places will be open as normal with no capacity limits or social distancing required.”*

“Mono County Public Health will continue to follow state direction related to COVID-19 response,” stated Bryan Wheeler, Director of Mono County Public Health. *“We encourage everyone to continue practicing a common-sense approach to proper hygiene and management of illness as we move into this new phase of the pandemic.”*

CDPH Guidance for Facial Coverings (Effective June 15, 2021)

On June 9, CDPH updated its mask guidance to align with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). **Effective June 15, masks will no longer be required for fully vaccinated Californians in public settings.**

Guidance for Individuals:

Masks are not required for fully vaccinated individuals, except in the following settings where masks are required for everyone, regardless of vaccination status:

- On public transit (examples: airplanes, ships, ferries, trains, subways, buses, taxis, and ride-shares) and in indoor transportation hubs (examples: airport, bus terminal, marina, train station, seaport or other port, subway station, or any other area that provides transportation)
- Indoors in K-12 schools, childcare and other youth settings. *Note: This may change as updated K-12 schools guidance is forthcoming, pending updates for K-12 operational guidance from the CDC.*
- Healthcare settings (including long term care facilities).
- State and local correctional facilities and detention centers.
- Homeless shelters, emergency shelters, and cooling centers.

Additionally, masks are required for unvaccinated individuals in indoor public settings and businesses (examples: retail, restaurants, theaters, family entertainment centers, meetings, state and local government offices serving the public).

Guidance for Businesses, Venue Operators or Hosts:

In settings where masks are required only for unvaccinated individuals, businesses, venue operators or hosts may choose to:

- Provide information to all patrons, guests and attendees regarding vaccination requirements and allow vaccinated individuals to self-attest (honor system) that they are in compliance prior to entry.
- Implement vaccine verification to determine whether individuals are required to wear a mask.
- Require all patrons to wear masks.

No person can be prevented from wearing a mask as a condition of participation in an activity or entry into a business.

Exemptions to masks requirements:

The following individuals are exempt from wearing masks at all times:

- Persons younger than two years old. Very young children must not wear a mask because of the risk of suffocation.
- Persons with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents wearing a mask. This includes persons with a medical condition for whom wearing a mask could obstruct breathing or who are unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove a mask without assistance.
- Persons who are hearing impaired, or communicating with a person who is hearing impaired, where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication.
- Persons for whom wearing a mask would create a risk to the person related to their work, as determined by local, state, or federal regulators or workplace safety guidelines.

The CDPH's Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings can be accessed here: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-for-face-coverings.aspx>.

The CDC's Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People can be accessed here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>.

Cal/OSHA Workplace Guidance: Emergency Temporary Standards

On Wednesday June 9, the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board (Board) held a special meeting to hear from the California Department of Public Health on new face covering guidance. The Board decided to withdraw revisions to the Emergency Temporary Standards that were previously sent to the Office of Administrative Law in order to update Cal/OSHA's COVID-19 prevention requirements with the latest guidance. The Board posted new revisions on June 11 that incorporate the latest public health guidance. The revisions will be considered at the Board's regular meeting on June 17, and will take effect on June 28. In the meantime, the protections adopted in November of 2020 will remain in effect.

Under the November 2020 regulations, employers must have a written COVID-19 Prevention Plan that addresses the following:

- A system for communicating information to employees about COVID-19 prevention procedures, testing, symptoms and illnesses, including a system for employees to report exposures without fear of retaliation.
- Identification and evaluation of hazards – screening employees for symptoms, identifying workplace conditions and practices that could result in potential exposure.
- Investigating and responding to cases in the workplace – responding immediately to potential exposures by following steps to determine who may have been exposed, providing notice within one business day about potential exposures, and offering testing to workers who may have been exposed.
- Correcting COVID-19 hazards – including correcting unsafe conditions and work practices as well as providing effective training and instruction.
- Physical distancing – implementing procedures to ensure workers stay at least six feet apart from other people if possible.
- Face coverings – providing face coverings and ensuring they are worn.
- Adopting site-specific strategies such as changes to the workplace and work schedules and providing personal protective equipment to reduce exposure to the virus.
- Positive COVID-19 case and illness recording requirements and making the COVID-19 Prevention Plan accessible to employees and employee representatives.
- Removal of COVID-19 exposed workers and COVID-19 positive workers from the workplace with measures to protect pay and benefits.
- Criteria for employees to return to work after recovering from COVID-19.

- Requirements for testing and notifying public health departments of workplace outbreaks (three or more cases in a workplace in a 14-day period) and major outbreaks (20 or more cases within a 30-day period).
- Specific requirements for infection prevention in employer-provided housing and transportation to and from work.

The updated revisions to be considered on June 17 can be accessed here: <https://www.dir.ca.gov/oshsb/documents/Jun172021-COVID-19-Prevention-Emergency-txtcourtesy-Readoption.pdf>.

Guidance for Mega-Events

Mega-events are characterized by large crowds greater than 5,000 (indoors) and 10,000 (outdoors) attendees. Mega-events may have either assigned or unassigned seating, and may be either general admission or gated, ticketed and permitted events. Mega-events are considered higher risk for COVID-19 transmission because:

- Participants and attendees are spending extensive periods of time physically close to large numbers of people they don't usually interact with.
- The frequency and total duration of close contact between attendees is increased, thereby increasing the risk that respiratory particles will be transmitted between attendees and participants.
- They draw from beyond the nearby community and will often draw attendees and participants from other states and countries who may be infected with more infectious COVID variants.
- Effective contact tracing may be difficult given the number of potential uncontrolled mixing between groups and attendees and the nature of the events.

For Indoor Mega Events: (example: conventions/conferences/expos/sporting events and concerts):

In addition to the general public health recommendations:

- Verification of fully vaccinated status or pre-entry negative test result is required of all attendees.
- Information will be prominently placed on all communications, including the reservation and ticketing systems, to ensure guests are aware of testing and vaccination requirements (including acceptable modes of verification).
- Attendees must follow CDPH Guidance for Face Coverings.

For Outdoor Mega Events: (example: music or food festivals/car shows/large endurance events and marathons/parades/sporting events and concerts):

In addition to the general public health recommendations:

- Verification of fully vaccinated status or pre-entry negative test result is strongly recommended for all attendees. Attendees who do not verify vaccination status should be asked to wear face coverings.

- Attendees must follow CDPH Guidance for Face Coverings.
- Information will be prominently placed on all communications, including the reservation and ticketing systems, to ensure guests are aware that the State strongly recommends that they be fully vaccinated, obtain a negative COVID-19 test prior to attending the event, or wear a face covering.
- Venues are required to make available masks for all attendees.

The requirements and recommendations for negative testing / vaccine verification will be in place effective **June 15, 2021 through October 1, 2021**. The state will assess conditions by September 1, 2021, to determine whether updated requirements or recommendations are needed beyond October 1, 2021.

Restrictions Applying to Indoor & Outdoor Settings	
Vaccine Verification / Negative Testing	Required for Indoor mega events Recommended for Outdoor mega events
Capacity Limitations	No restrictions
Physical Distancing	No restrictions for attendees, customers and guests
Masking	Follow current CDPH Guidance for Face Coverings
Travelers	Follow CDC recommendations and CDPH Travel Advisory

Additional recommendations for sponsors of Mega Events can be accessed here: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Beyond-Blueprint-Framework.aspx>.

CDPH has developed materials and resources to help communicate what “Beyond the Blueprint” looks like. The materials can be accessed here: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Beyond-Blueprint-Framework.aspx>.

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