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CALIFORNIA TO MAINTAIN MASK MANDATE UNTIL JUNE 15

May 18, 2021 – On May 13, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced that individuals fully vaccinated against COVID-19 do not need to wear masks or practice social distancing indoors or outdoors, except under certain circumstances. Subsequently, on May 17, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) announced maintaining the mask mandate in California until June 15, 2021.

The risk for COVID-19 exposure and infection will continue to remain until California reaches community immunity from vaccinations. The use of face coverings by us all can limit the release of infected droplets when talking, coughing, sneezing, singing, exercising, shouting, or other forms of increased respiration, and reinforce physical distancing by signaling the need to remain apart. A well-fitting face mask can also provide the wearer some protection from COVID-19.

Updated Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings:

If You're Fully Vaccinated

- Face coverings are not required outdoors **except** when attending crowded outdoor events, such as live performances, parades, fairs, festivals, sports events, or other similar settings.
- In indoor settings outside of your home, including public transportation, face coverings continue to be **required** regardless of vaccination status.
- As defined in the CDPH Fully Vaccinated Persons [Guidance](#), fully vaccinated people can:
 - Visit, without wearing masks or physical distancing, with other fully vaccinated people in indoor or outdoor settings; and

- Visit, without wearing masks or physical distancing, with unvaccinated people (including children) from a single household who are at low risk for severe COVID-19 disease in indoor and outdoor settings.

If You're Unvaccinated

- Face coverings are **required** outdoors *any time physical distancing cannot be maintained*, including when attending crowded outdoor events, such as live performances, parades, fairs, festivals, sports events, or other similar settings.
- In indoor settings outside of your home, including public transportation, face coverings continue to be **required** regardless of vaccination status.

Review the CDPH website for the complete face covering [guidance](#) at www.cdph.ca.gov.

“We will continue to follow CDPH guidance as we’ve done throughout the course of the pandemic,” stated Bryan Wheeler, Mono County Director of Public Health. *“Masks are effective at reducing the transmission of COVID-19, and over the next four weeks we encourage all individuals aged 12 and up to get vaccinated as we head towards a larger reopening in June.”*

The schedule for upcoming COVID-19 vaccination walk-in clinics in Mono County can be accessed here: <https://coronavirus.monocounty.ca.gov/pages/vaccinations>. 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>.

All Mono County residents and visitors are asked to do their part to **#StaySafeToStayOpen**. To do this, the COVID-19 Unified Command Emergency Operations Center continues to emphasize the value and importance of continued weekly surveillance testing for asymptomatic individuals. In addition, individuals who want to be immunized are encouraged to attend an upcoming walk-in clinic in Mono County.

Cover. Distance. Wash and **#StaySafeToStayOpen #VaccinateMono**

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