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State of California Announces Moving “Beyond the Blueprint”

What the State’s Reopening Means for Colusa County

(COLUSA, CA) **June 15, 2021** – Effective June 15, 2021, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has announced fully reopening the economy, and the state officially moving “Beyond the Blueprint for a Safer Economy.” Beginning today, all sectors listed in the current Blueprint Activities and Business Tiers [chart](#) may return to usual operations (with limited exceptions for mega-events) based upon a number of general public health recommendations.

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.”*

In addition, Dr. Gregory Burt, Colusa County Public Health Officer, has rescinded all local Orders to align with the State.

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.

The CDC has identified exceptions to this rule - such as healthcare settings, long-term care facilities, public transit, sheltering operations and correctional facilities – where all individuals should wear face coverings. CDPH has aligned with these exceptions, and requires face coverings for all individuals in those limited unique 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 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 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 would go into effect on June 28. In the meantime, the protections adopted in November of 2020 will remain in effect.

Details on Cal/OSHA's Emergency Temporary Standards can be accessed here:
<https://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/coronavirus/ETS.html>.

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

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