



Dear Colleagues:

CDC Issues Relaxed Masking Guidelines for Fully Vaccinated Americans

On May 16, [the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released updated guidelines](#) stating that fully vaccinated Americans can resume all activities without wearing a mask, except where mandated by state or local laws or business and workplace guidance. The CDC considers someone “fully vaccinated” 2 weeks after their final dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. Fully vaccinated people can also travel without being tested or quarantine.

Additionally, [the Cal/OSHA Board recently postponed a decision to vote on relaxing workplace masking and social distancing requirements](#) to fall in compliance with the governor’s updated order set to unveil on June 15, which I’ll go into more detail about below.

Governor Newsom Unveils More Details About June 15 Reopening

After announcing that the state would be moving on from the Blueprint for a Safer Economy framework after June 15, Governor Newsom has finally revealed some concrete details about what that might look like in just a few weeks. [During a press conference on May 21](#), Newsom announced that all capacity limits and distancing requirements statewide will be lifted on June 15, and the state intends to fall in line with the CDC’s updated masking guidance on that date, as well.

For outdoor events with more than 10,000 people and indoor events with more than 5,000 people, state public health officials will be recommending but not requiring that venues request verification of a vaccination or a negative test. Individuals who can’t provide either can still be allowed in if they wear a mask. Additionally, state public health officials are not recommending a vaccine passport at this time.

Data Corner

Vaccine Tracker

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has [a vaccination dashboard](#) that tracks the number of COVID-19 vaccines administered and delivered across the United States. The California Department of Public Health has [a dashboard tracking vaccinations in the state](#) overall and by county.

	US	California	Kern County
Doses Administered	285,720,586	36,255,229	543,448
Doses Delivered	357,250,375	45,119,680	N/A

Blueprint for a Safer Economy

[The State of California's Blueprint For a Safer Economy dashboard](#) shows where each county in California ranks in the four-tiered color system for reopening. A table with the comparison of test positivity rates from several counties on the monitoring list is below.

	May 2, 2021		May 23, 2021*	
	New cases per 100k	Test positivity rate	New cases per 100k	Test positivity rate
California	4.7	1.5%	3.2	1.1%
Kern County	3.4	1.4%	3.2**	1.6%**
Kings County	5.1	4.4%	4.8	1.7%
Fresno County	4.9	2.5%	4.1	2.3%
San Bernardino	3.4	2.0%	2.7	1.4%
LA County	3.6	0.9%	2.2	0.6%

*Dashboard data updated on May 18.

**Kern County is in the orange or "moderate" tier

Johns Hopkins Dashboard

As of 4 p.m. on May 23, the [Johns Hopkins University Dashboard](#) shows more than 166 million confirmed cases of COVID-19 worldwide since the start of the pandemic. Here is the table that captures the difference in the numbers since May 2.

	May 2, 2021	May 23, 2021	Difference	Percentage
World	152,406,001	166,880,079	14,474,078	9.5%
U.S.	32,417,394	33,115,950	698,556	2.2%
California	3,640,226	3,672,963	32,737	0.9%
Kern	108,628	109,654	1,026	0.9%

Let's all remember to take care of each other by staying safe: get vaccinated, wear a mask, keep the 6ft distance, wash your hands.

That's all for now.
Until next time.

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