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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES FACE COVERING GUIDANCE

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) announced that they have updated the State's face covering guidance to align with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). The new CDPH guidance allows vaccinated persons to remove face coverings while outdoors unless attending live performances, parades and other close-proximity outdoor gatherings of large crowds.

Unvaccinated persons must still wear face coverings outdoors anytime physical distancing cannot be maintained.

Face coverings are still required to be worn in indoor settings outside of one's home, including on public transportation, regardless of an individual's vaccination status. However, fully vaccinated individuals may gather in private indoor settings with other fully vaccinated individuals, or low-risk individuals from a single household, without wearing a face covering or maintaining physical distancing.

Employers should refer to [Cal/OSHA guidelines](#) for specific workplace guidance.

Effective today, Santa Cruz County Health Officer Dr. Gail Newel has rescinded a local face covering Order and is aligning with the [updated CDPH face covering guidance](#).

For local information on COVID-19, go to www.santacruzhealth.org/coronavirus, call 211 or text "COVID19" to 211211. Residents may also call (831) 454-4242 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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