



## NEW MASKING GUIDANCE FOR CA COMING JUNE 15

*As of May 18, 2021*

*If asked about the state's decision to wait four weeks to implement new masking guidance from CDC:*

- **On June 15, California plans to implement the CDC's guidelines around masking to allow fully vaccinated Californians to go without a mask in most indoor settings. This four-week period will give Californians time to prepare for this change while the state continues to focus on delivering vaccines, particularly in underserved communities.**
  - California will keep our existing guidance around masks in place for now. Vaccinated people do not need to wear masks outdoors except in crowded, large settings like ballgames. Unvaccinated people may go without a mask outdoors when they are able to maintain physical distance.
- **Now is the time for Californians who have not yet been vaccinated to get vaccinated before June 15 arrives so they, too, have comfort in knowing they are protected by the safe and highly effective COVID-19 vaccine.**
- **The fact that the CDC and soon the state of California are loosening masking guidelines reinforces the effectiveness of the COVID-19 vaccine and the importance of getting vaccinated.**
  - As more eligible Californians get vaccinated, we will continue to stop the spread and shrink the pool of people who are vulnerable to COVID-19. Every shot matters.

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