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COVID-19 Response Update

The City of Cupertino continues to monitor the effects of COVID-19 as the safety of our residents, staff, and visitors remains our highest priority. The following information regards the City's response to the latest recommendations from the County of Santa Clara Public Health Department. For more information, visit cupertino.org/coronavirus.

New

County Enters "Yellow Tier" Under the State's Blueprint for a Safer Economy

As of 12:01 am, May 19, 2021, Santa Clara County will enter the Yellow Tier on the State's [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#).

The County has also issued a new Health Order effective 12:01 am, on May 19, 2021. The new order establishes focused safety measures designed to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Many of the previous restrictions are no longer in effect. The new Order requires employers to determine who in a workplace has been fully vaccinated in order to comply with current and anticipated County and State rules related to COVID-19 safety in the workplace.

The new order replaces the prior restrictions on activities with a few focused requirements related to vaccination, face coverings, and case reporting. They include:

- Requiring that all businesses and governmental entities determine the vaccination status of their employees (and onsite contractors and volunteers).
- Requiring all individuals, businesses, and governmental entities to comply with the [Mandatory Directive on Use of Face Coverings](#).
- Requiring businesses and governmental entities to comply with the Health Officer's Mandatory Directive for Unvaccinated Personnel.

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- Requiring businesses and governmental entities to continue to promptly report COVID-19 cases amongst their personnel to the Public Health Department, and that all youth programs (including schools, camps, sports programs, and other youth programs) continue reporting COVID-19 cases, as explained in the [Mandatory Directive on Case Reporting by K-12 Schools, Youth Athletic Programs, and Other Youth Programs](#).

No Longer Required:

- Maximizing telework work is no longer required: Businesses are no longer required to maximize the number of people who work remotely.
- Social Distancing Protocols are no longer required: Businesses and governmental entities are no longer required to submit Social Distancing Protocols to the County Public Health Department. Instead, they must comply with any State rules applicable to their business, including the Cal/OSHA's COVID-19 Emergency Prevention Regulations applicable to most businesses.
- The local Mandatory Directive on Capacity Limitations has been eliminated: There are no local rules related to capacity. For information on what is allowed in counties in the Yellow Tier, see the State Blueprint for a Safer Economy and the State's Industry Guidance to Reduce Risk webpage.

Face Coverings: An Overview (State and County Updated Face Covering Rules)

Not all members of our community are vaccinated, and face coverings remain a critical tool in protecting our community against the spread of COVID-19. However, as more community members get vaccinated, the CDC and California Department of Public Health have updated their guidance about the use of face coverings. You must wear a face covering whenever required to do so by the State's face covering rules. This includes:

Outdoors:

- Unvaccinated people are required to wear face coverings outdoors any time physical distancing cannot be maintained.
- Fully vaccinated people* are not required to wear face coverings outdoors except when attending crowded outdoor events.

Indoors:

In indoor settings outside of your home, including public transportation, face coverings are still required regardless of vaccination status with limited exceptions:

- Fully vaccinated people can spend time with other fully vaccinated people indoors without wearing masks or physically distancing; and

- Fully vaccinated people can spend time with unvaccinated people from a single household (including children) who are at low risk for severe COVID-19 disease indoors without wearing masks or physically distancing.
- These exceptions do not apply in workplace settings.

When in doubt, you are encouraged to wear a face covering.

*Remember: You are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after receiving a completed vaccination series, which is two doses for Pfizer or Moderna and one dose for Johnson & Johnson.

Businesses must post signs stating that a face covering is required when you are at their facilities. They must also require their employees to wear face coverings while working.

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