COVID-19 Guidance for Fully Vaccinated People (Created 03/10/2021)

These are the first guidelines for people who have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19. As new data emerge, these guidelines may change based on community transmission and the proportion of people in the community who are vaccinated. This guidance document aligns with CDC’s recommendations.

Who is fully vaccinated?

A person is fully vaccinated if:

- They completed a COVID-19 vaccine series at least 2 weeks ago.
  - For a 2-dose vaccine series (e.g. Pfizer, Moderna), this means 2 weeks after the 2nd dose.
  - For a 1-dose vaccine series (e.g. Johnson & Johnson/Janssen), this means 2 weeks after the 1st/only dose.

People who are fully vaccinated should continue to:

- Wear a well-fitting mask, physically distance, adhere to other prevention measures when:
  - In public.
  - Around unvaccinated people from more than one household.
  - Visiting with unvaccinated people who are at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19.
  - Visiting with unvaccinated people who have an unvaccinated household member who is at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19.
- Avoid medium- or large-sized in-person gatherings.
- Get tested for COVID-19 if they have any symptoms consistent with COVID-19.
- Follow all guidance issued by their employer, including any employer-based mask requirements.
- Follow CDC and health department travel requirements and recommendations.

Now, people who are fully vaccinated:

- Can visit with other fully vaccinated people indoors in non-healthcare settings without wearing masks or practicing physical distancing.
- Can visit with unvaccinated people from one additional household who are not at high risk for severe illness from COVID-19 indoors in non-healthcare settings without wearing masks or practicing physical distancing.
- Do not need to quarantine at home or get tested for COVID-19 after a known exposure to COVID-19 as long as they do not have any symptoms consistent with COVID-19 & do not live in a healthcare or congregate setting*.
  - If the exposed fully vaccinated person develops any symptoms consistent with COVID-19 during the 14 days after exposure, they should stay home, follow isolation guidance, and seek testing for COVID-19.

*Healthcare and congregate settings include: hospitals, hospice facilities, skilled nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, group homes, inpatient physical/addiction rehabilitation facilities, shelters with dormitory facilities, temporary shelters for people who are asylum-seeking/unaccompanied children, jail/prison, and detention facilities. Please see MCDPH Quarantine Guidance for additional information.

Additional Resources:
- When You’ve Been Fully Vaccinated
- Science Brief: Background Rationale and Evidence for Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People