



Technical Bulletin



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Topic: **CDC Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated Individuals**

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To: All Public Health Authorities, Health Care Providers and Long-Term Care Facilities

Background

On March 8, 2021, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released the first set of public health recommendations for fully vaccinated people. The guidance will be updated and expanded based on the level of community spread of SARS-CoV-2, the proportion of the population that is fully vaccinated, and the rapidly evolving science on COVID-19 vaccines.

Currently, authorized vaccines in the United States are highly effective at protecting vaccinated people against symptomatic and severe COVID-19. Additionally, a growing body of evidence suggests that fully vaccinated people are less likely to have asymptomatic infection and potentially less likely to transmit SARS-CoV-2 to others. How long vaccine protection lasts and how much vaccines protect against emerging SARS-CoV-2 variants are still under investigation. Until more is known, and vaccination coverage increases, some prevention measures will continue to be necessary for all people, regardless of vaccination status. However, the benefits of reducing social isolation and relaxing some measures such as quarantine requirements may outweigh the residual risk of fully vaccinated people becoming ill with COVID-19 or transmitting SARS-CoV-2 to others. Additionally, taking steps toward relaxing certain measures for vaccinated persons may help improve COVID-19 vaccine acceptance and uptake. Therefore, there are several activities that fully vaccinated people can resume now, at low risk to themselves, while being mindful of the potential risk of transmitting the virus to others.

The Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is defining fully vaccinated for COVID-19 as ≥ 2 weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose series, or ≥ 4 weeks following receipt of one dose in a single-dose vaccine:

1. Pfizer-BioNTech: two doses administered three weeks (21 days) apart
2. Moderna: two doses administered one month (28 days) apart
3. Johnson and Johnson (J&J)/Janssen: one dose

The following recommendations apply to non-health care settings:

Fully vaccinated people can:

- Visit with other fully vaccinated people indoors without wearing masks or physical distancing
- Visit with unvaccinated people from a single household who are at low risk for severe COVID-19 disease indoors without wearing masks or physical distancing
- Refrain from quarantine and testing following a known exposure if asymptomatic

For now, fully vaccinated people should continue to:

- Take precautions in public like wearing a well-fitted mask and physical distancing
- Wear masks, practice physical distancing, and adhere to other prevention measures when visiting unvaccinated people who are at increased risk for severe COVID-19 disease or who have an unvaccinated household member who is at increased risk for severe COVID-19 disease

- Wear masks, maintain physical distance, and practice other prevention measures when visiting unvaccinated people from multiple households
- Avoid medium- and large-sized in-person gatherings
- Get tested if experiencing COVID-19 symptoms
- Follow guidance issued by individual employers
- Follow CDC and health department travel requirements and recommendations

The full CDC guidance can be found here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>. This guidance is intended for the general public and does not apply to health care settings and long-term care settings. Long-term care settings should continue to follow the CDC and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) guidance including appropriate mitigation measures.

Proof of Vaccination:

Currently, in Nevada there are three mechanisms for proof of full vaccination. The first is the paper vaccination card received and signed off by a health care provider for each type of dose series. The second mechanism is the public portal with [NV WebIZ](#) which supports a secure connection to vaccination records using an email or phone number. The last source of record will be the scheduling tool, MTX/Salesforce that will hold vaccination history.

Questions:

For updated guidance, please review the DPBH Technical Bulletin [website](#) and Nevada’s COVID-19 response [website](#) regularly. Email dpbhepi@health.nv.gov with questions.

If you have questions about your county's specific vaccine rollout plan, please email COVIDVaxHelp@immunizenevada.org.

A statewide call center is also available to help answer your questions and guide you to a vaccination provider if you are eligible to receive the vaccine based on your county’s plans. Please call 1-800-401-0946 for assistance with any COVID-19 vaccination or testing questions.



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