

# COVID-19 Food Facility Industry Guidance for Operation After June 15, 2021

## COVID-19 in the Community

COVID-19 is still causing illness and hospitalizations in Sacramento County. Variants of COVID-19 continue to pose a significant risk.

Vaccinations, sanitation measures and face coverings have helped reduce the spread of COVID-19, but businesses and customers need to remain vigilant.

## Face Coverings

Persons should use information about the current [COVID-19 Community Levels \(CCLs\)](#) in their county to decide which prevention behaviors to use and when (at all times or at specific times), based on their own risk for severe illness and that of members of their household, their risk tolerance, and setting-specific factors.

Check your Community Level: [https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/science/community-levels.html#anchor\\_47145](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/science/community-levels.html#anchor_47145) and refer to chart for face covering recommendations.

Masks are **required for all individuals (vaccinated and unvaccinated)** in the following indoor settings:

- [Healthcare settings](#)
- [Long Term Care Settings and Adult and Senior Care Facilities](#)

In the following non-healthcare indoor settings, facilities may use the CDC COVID-19 Community Levels to determine the level of masking requirements within their facility.

- State and local [correctional facilities and detention centers](#)
- [Homeless shelters](#)
- [Emergency shelters](#) and [cooling/heating centers](#)

In workplaces, employers and employees are subject to either the CalOSHA COVID-19 [Emergency Temporary Standards \(ETS\)](#) or the [Cal/OSHA Aerosol Transmissible Diseases \(ATD\)](#) Standard and should consult those regulations for additional applicable requirements.

Businesses and venue operators, including K-12 school and childcare settings, must allow any individual to wear a mask if they desire to.

For additional information on the most effective types of masks and ensuring a well-fitted mask for adults, individuals should refer to CDPH [Get the Most out of Masking](#) and see [CDPH Masking Guidance Frequently Asked Questions](#). For additional information on the most effective types of masks and ensuring a well-fitted mask for children, individuals should refer to [CDPH Masks for Kids: Tips and Resources](#).

No person can be prevented from wearing a mask as a condition of participation in an activity or entry into a business.

Refer to [CDPH Guidance for the Use of Face Masks](#) for more information.

## **Prevention Measures**

To continue reducing the spread of COVID-19 within the community, the following prevention measures are still encouraged.

- Provide outdoor dining options
- Encourage social distancing where lines and gatherings might occur
- Consider keeping tables spaced at least 6 feet apart
- Provide hand sanitizer for public and employee use

The following prevention measures are recommended everywhere and are required in food facilities (will be checked during inspections).

- Use an approved sanitizer (quaternary ammonia, or chlorine) to wipe down surfaces throughout your facility on a routine basis.
- Be sure that all handwashing sinks are always stocked with liquid soap and paper towels.
- Encourage employees who are sick or exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 to stay home. *Also note, Cal Code section 113949 states that employees with symptoms of gastrointestinal illness (such as vomiting and/or diarrhea) may not engage in any food handling activities.*

## **Guidance for Isolation and Quarantine for the General Public**

Refer to California Department of Public Health (CDPH) [Guidance for Isolation and Quarantine for the General Public](#) for additional information about isolation for persons testing positive for COVID-19 and quarantine for persons who have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 (unvaccinated and vaccinated).

## **Mega Events**

Mega Events are defined as events drawing greater than 1,000 (indoors) and 10,000 (outdoors) attendees. CDPH has issued guidelines for Mega Events. For further information, please refer to [CDPH Beyond the Blueprint Guidance](#).

## **SB-389: Off-Sale Privileges for Certain On-Sale Licenses**

Refer to the Alcohol Beverage Control Department's webpage for [frequently asked questions](#) about SB-389.

## **Resources**

[CDPH Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings](#)

[Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Guidance and Resources](#)

[Sacramento County Public Health Order](#)

## Questions

Thank you for your efforts in keeping Sacramento residents and visitors safe!

For business assistance information, contact the [Sacramento Business Environmental Resource Center \(BERC\)](#).

If you have questions or would like to update your contact information, please call EMD at (916) 875-8440.

### **Summary of Revisions**

**6/15/2021:** Initial version

**7/29/2021:** Updated information regarding required indoor use of face coverings, regardless of vaccination status. Added Resources section.

**9/15/21:** Updated mega events.

**9/29/21:** Updated mega events to include masking outdoor when 50% of the walls are impermeable.

**12/21/21:** Added requirement for universal masking indoors statewide December 15, 2021 through January 15, 2022. Added testing requirement to shorten time from 72 hours from when test result is received before entry to venue/event. Children under 2 years of age are exempt from the testing requirement. Attendees age 18 and older must provide identification to confirm the individual presenting proof of vaccination or negative test is the attendee entering the facility or venue.

**1/10/2022:** Lowered threshold for Indoor Mega Event to 500 attendees and Outdoor Mega Events to 5,000 attendees. Removed effective date for requirement to show ID if over 18 for negative test. Extended effective end date for statewide public health order to mask while indoors to February 15, 2022. Added links to ABC for more information about their regulatory relief.

**2/16/2022:** Removed Sacramento County Public Health Order for all individuals to wear a face covering when indoors. Updated State's public health order that face covering are required in certain settings and for unvaccinated individuals in indoor public spaces. Mega Events have been updated to 1000 attendees indoor and 10,000 attendees outdoor.

**3/1/2022:** Updated universal masking indoors to strongly recommend and added effective date of 3/11/2022 for masking requirement for schools/child care. Masking is still required universally for the rest of the congregate settings.

**4/1/2022:** Updated Mega Events to strong recommendation to require proof of vaccination or negative test for Indoor Mega Events (previously was required).

**4/21/2022:** Removed masking requirement for schools, K-12, and public transportation/transportation hubs.

**7/5/2022:** Updated masking recommendations for mega events. Removed Alcohol and Beverage Control Regulatory Relief section, no longer in effect.

**9/26/2022:** Updated to CDPH face covering guidance.

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