

COVID-19 Guidance for Performing Arts, Beyond the Blueprint

Effective Friday, July 30, 2021, at 12:01 a.m., face coverings shall be worn in all indoor public settings, regardless of vaccination status, per the [County Health Order](#), until it is rescinded or amended by the Health Officer.

Effective Tuesday, June 15, 2021, all industry sectors that were subject to capacity restrictions and other requirements under the color coded risk tiers may return to usual operations (with the limited exceptions for [Mega Events](#)).

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.

Prevention Measures

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

- Provide outdoor 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 worker use
- Use an approved sanitizer 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
- Watch for [symptoms](#) of COVID-19, especially following an exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19
- If symptoms develop, all people, regardless of vaccination status, should isolate and be clinically evaluated for COVID-19, including SARS-CoV-2 testing. Anyone testing positive for SARS-CoV2, regardless of vaccination status, must follow the [General Isolation Order](#) of the Sacramento County Health Officer

Requirements

Individuals, businesses, venue operators, hosts, and others responsible for the operation of indoor public settings must:

- Require all patrons to wear face coverings, over the mouth and nose, for all indoor public settings, such as, but not limited to: theaters and family entertainment centers, regardless of their vaccination status; and
- Post clearly visible and easy-to-read signage at all entry points for indoor settings to communicate the masking requirements to all patrons.
- In addition, those responsible for indoor public settings are strongly encouraged to provide face coverings at no cost to individuals required to wear them.

Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings

The [Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings](#) issued by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), as may be amended from time to time, continues to apply throughout the County. For detailed requirements, exceptions and updates, please refer to the [guidance](#).

Performers may perform without face coverings, but the following is recommended:

- Maximize distance between performers and audience
- Verification of immunization for performers or proof of negative test prior to performance, if not immunized

Mega Events

Mega Events are defined as events drawing greater than 5,000 (indoors) and 10,000 (outdoors) attendees. CDPH has issued guidelines for Mega Events. For further information, please refer to [CDPH Beyond the Blueprint Guidance](#).

Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Prevention Emergency Temporary Standards (ETS)

The Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board adopted revised [ETS](#) on June 17, 2021, which will take effect immediately. Employers and businesses subject to the ETS and/or the Cal/OSHA Aerosol Transmissible Diseases Standards can find additional information on the [Cal/OSHA's website](#).

The ETS allow local health jurisdictions to mandate more protective measures. [Sacramento County's Public Health Order](#), which requires face coverings for all individuals in indoor settings and businesses, regardless of vaccination status, takes precedence over the more permissive ETS regarding employee face coverings.

Checklist for the Workplace, Workers and Visitors

The following checklist is a summary of requirements for the workplace. For more information, visit [Cal/OSHA's website](#).

Workplace Employer Checklist

- Fully vaccinated workers without COVID-19 [symptoms](#) do not need to be tested or quarantined after close contacts with COVID-19 cases unless they have symptoms
- No face covering requirements outdoors (except during outbreaks), regardless of vaccination status, though workers should be trained on CDPH recommendations for outdoor use of face coverings. See [CDPH Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings](#).
- Face coverings required indoors, regardless of vaccination status.

- In outbreaks, all workers must wear face coverings indoors and outdoors when six-foot physical distancing cannot be maintained, regardless of vaccination status.
- Must provide unvaccinated workers with approved respirators for **voluntary use** when working indoors or in a vehicle with others, upon request. Refer to [Cal/OSHA Title 8, Section 5144\(c\)\(2\)](#) for information about respirator voluntary use.
- May not retaliate against workers from wearing face coverings.
- No physical distancing or barrier requirements regardless of worker vaccination status with the following exceptions:
 - Employers must evaluate whether it is necessary to implement physical distancing and barriers during an outbreak (3 or more cases in an exposed group of workers)
 - Employers must implement physical distancing and barriers during a major outbreak (20 or more cases in an exposed group of workers)
- No physical distancing requirements whatsoever in the employer-provided housing and transportation regulations.

Employers must

- Require all patrons to wear face coverings for all indoor settings, regardless of their vaccination status; and
 - Post clearly visible and easy-to-read signage at all entry points for indoor settings to communicate the masking requirements to all patrons.
 - In addition, those responsible for indoor public settings are strongly encouraged to provide face coverings at no cost to individuals required to wear them.
- Evaluate ventilation systems to maximize outdoor air and increase filtrations efficiency, and evaluate the use of additional air cleaning systems
- Implement an effective written COVID-19 Prevention Program.
- Provide effective training and instruction to workers on the employer's prevention plan and their rights under the ETS.
- Provide notification to public health departments of outbreaks.
- Provide notification to workers of exposure and close contacts.

Workers should

- Be aware of the requirements to [offer testing](#) after potential exposures.
- Be aware of requirements for responding to COVID-19 cases and outbreaks.
- Be aware of quarantine and exclusion pay requirements.
- Be aware of basic prevention requirements for employer-provided housing and transportation, where applicable.

This guidance document is an overview. For the full requirements, see title 8 sections [3205](#), [3205.1](#), [3205.2](#), [3205.3](#), [3205.4](#)

Control Measures and Screening

- Recommend frequent handwashing and use of hand sanitizer. Assign staff to regularly check soap and paper towel dispensers are stocked and functional. Keep extra batteries available for motion sensing dispensers.
- Consider disposable glove use may be helpful to supplement frequent handwashing or use of hand sanitizer.
- Post signs in strategic and highly visible locations to remind patrons and visitors that they will need to use face coverings.
- Consider the use of social media, website, texts, email, newsletters, etc., to communicate face covering requirements to protect visitors and workers so that they are familiar with the policies to slow the spread of COVID-19 before arriving at the facility.
- Remind visitors in advance to bring a face covering if needed and consider making them available for those who arrive without one, if possible.

Cleaning and Disinfecting

- Perform cleaning of high traffic areas such as lobbies, halls, and areas of ingress and egress including stairways, stairwells, handrails, and elevator controls.
- Frequently disinfect commonly used surfaces including doorknobs, toilets, handwashing facilities, and seating areas.
- Establish frequent cleaning and disinfection of personal work areas such as desks and cubicles and supply the necessary cleaning products.
- Consider discouraging the sharing of performance items, whenever possible.
- Avoid sharing work equipment and supplies, such as phones, office equipment, computers, etc., wherever possible. Never share personal protective equipment (PPE).
- Where such items must be shared, disinfect between shifts or uses, whichever is more frequent, including the following: shared office equipment (copiers, fax machines, printers, telephones, keyboards, staplers, etc.) with a cleaner appropriate for the surface.
- Ensure that sanitary facilities remain operational and stocked at all times. Provide additional soap, paper towels, and hand sanitizer when needed.
- Consider providing hand sanitizer dispensers, touchless if possible, at entrances and contact areas such as meeting rooms, lobbies, and elevator landings.

Please note: For high touch surfaces where chlorine bleach may be used, the CDC recommends mixing 1/3 cup of chlorine bleach per gallon of water. Do not use scented bleach or “no-splash” bleach.

Resources:

- [Sacramento County Public Health Order](#)
- [Sacramento County COVID-19 Information](#)
- [California Department of Public Health \(CDPH\) Beyond the Blueprint for Industry and Business Sectors](#)
- [California Department of Public Health \(CDPH\) Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings](#)
- [Cal/OSHA: Requirements to Protect Workers from Coronavirus](#)
- For business assistance information, contact the [Sacramento Business Environmental Resource Center \(BERC\)](#).
- [Sacramento County Environmental Management Department](#)
- CDC Guidance for [Vaccinated](#) and [Unvaccinated](#) People

Questions

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