

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

**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shall be worn in all indoor public settings, regardless of vaccination status, per the County Health Order until it is rescinded or amended by the Health Officer.**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.

## Face Coverings

Face covering requirements have had multiple updates and directives from different agencies. These requirements may continue to be updated. The basic requirements are listed below. For detailed requirements, exceptions and updates, please refer to the websites in the resources section.

**Effective Friday, July 30, 2021, at 12:01 a.m., face coverings shall be worn, regardless of vaccination status, over the mouth and nose, in all indoor public settings, venues, gatherings, and workplaces**, such as, but not limited to: offices, retail stores, restaurants and bars, theaters, family entertainment centers, conference centers, and State and local government offices serving the public.

## 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 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.*

## **Mega Events**

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

## **Alcoholic Beverage Control Regulatory Relief**

The Alcohol Beverage Control Department has determined that the extension of the certain provisions will **temporarily remain in place until December 31, 2021**. Please refer to [ABC Eighth Notice of Regulatory Relief](#) for the list of provisions that have been extended.

## **Resources**

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

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

[Sacramento County Public Health Order](#)

[ABC Eighth Notice of Regulatory Relief](#)

## **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.

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