

# CDC's Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People

- CDC's [Guidance for Fully Vaccinated](#) (updated May 13<sup>th</sup>): “Fully vaccinated people can resume activities without wearing a mask or physically distancing, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules and regulations...”
- CDC's [K-12 School Recommendations](#) (updated May 15<sup>th</sup>): schools should continue to use current COVID-19 prevention strategies for at least the remainder of the 2020-21 school year:
  - Universal and correct use of masks should be required
  - Physical distancing should be maximized to the greatest extent possible
- CDC's [Child Care Guidance](#) (updated May 7<sup>th</sup>):
  - Everyone 2 years and older should wear a mask when around people who do not live in their household (except when eating or sleeping)
  - Masks should be worn in addition to physical distancing
  - Wearing a mask is especially important indoors and when physical distancing is difficult to implement or maintain

# **NH Public Health Recommendations for People Who Are Fully Vaccinated When Around Others From Outside the Household**

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- COVID-19 vaccines are effective at preventing asymptomatic and symptomatic infection, and help to reduce spread of COVID-19
- Mitigation measures, however, are most effective when implemented at a population level (i.e., everyone does them)
- NH DPHS continues to recommend that everybody, including fully vaccinated people, continue to wear face masks and physically distance when indoors in public settings and around other people who are not fully vaccinated, or whose vaccination status is unknown

# Additional NH Guidance

- People who are unvaccinated or only partially vaccinated should continue to wear face masks and physically distance when around other people indoors, or outdoors if unable to consistently maintain 6 feet of physical separation from others (unchanged guidance)
- NH DPHS continues to also recommend that businesses and organizations implement the layers of protection outlined in the NH [Universal Best Practices](#), irrespective of a person's vaccination status

# Rationale for NH's Guidance

- Fewer than 50% of NH's population is fully vaccinated
- Level of community transmission remains “substantial”
- Increasing vaccination rates combined with continued use of mitigation measures will drive COVID-19 numbers lower more quickly, and help us exit from the pandemic
- No vaccine is 100% effective – continued use of face masks and physical distancing by everybody in public locations will help protect people who are unable to be vaccinated (e.g., due to age), or people unable to mount an adequate immune response, until community transmission is lower
- Businesses/organizations need implementable guidance – they can't verify a person's vaccination status making it difficult to implement CDC's guidance