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State Still Requires Face Coverings in Yolo County

(Woodland, CA) – Until notified by Yolo County, residents are still required to wear face coverings in certain settings based on the California Department of Public Health’s (CDPH) [guidance for use of face coverings](#).

On Thursday, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced changes to its recommendations for fully vaccinated people, indicating that fully vaccinated people no longer need to wear a mask or physically distance in most settings. However, these recommendations do not go in effect locally unless CDPH amends its current face covering mandate. Residents of and visitors to Yolo County are required to follow the CDPH guidance for face coverings.

The current CDPH guidance requires that vaccinated individuals wear a mask indoors and when attending crowded outdoor events or other similar settings. In addition, unvaccinated individuals are required to wear a face covering outdoors any time physical distancing cannot be maintained, as well as indoors. There are a few exceptions for those who are vaccinated when visiting indoors with others who are fully vaccinated or low risk individuals.

“The updated CDC recommendations do not change anything on the ground in Yolo County,” said Yolo County Public Health Officer Dr. Aimee Sisson. “Yolo County follows CDPH’s masking order, which has not been updated. Unless and until CDPH changes its masking guidance, fully vaccinated persons still need to wear masks indoors in California, including in Yolo County.”

People with no or few symptoms of COVID-19 can still spread the disease and the use of face coverings, combined with physical distancing and frequent hand washing, will help reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Residents are recommended to get vaccinated as soon as possible, especially now that residents 12 and older are eligible in Yolo County. Current data show that the COVID-19 vaccines protect residents from circulating strains, including variants, significantly reducing the chance of getting severely ill or dying from COVID-19. All of the COVID-19 vaccines have been shown to be safe and effective and are free for all residents. The more people who are vaccinated, the harder it is for COVID-19 to spread.

For more information about Yolo County’s COVID-19 vaccine distribution process, visit www.yolocounty.org/coronavirus-vaccine. Residents can also call Yolo 2-1-1 for resource information. For additional updates follow Yolo County on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/YoloCounty/> or Twitter at: <https://twitter.com/YoloCountyCA>.

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