



# Joint Memorandum: UPDATED CDC Guidance for Fully Vaccinated Personnel\*

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**TO:** All Florida Fire/Rescue Providers and Local IAFF Representatives

**FROM:** Florida Fire Chiefs Association and Florida Professional Firefighters

**CDC has, again, updated recommendations for fully vaccinated\* people in non-healthcare settings. The CDC update makes clear that fully vaccinated\* people can:**

- Resume activities without wearing masks or physically distancing, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance
- Resume domestic travel and refrain from testing before or after travel or self-quarantine after travel
- Refrain from testing following a known exposure, if asymptomatic, with some exceptions for specific settings
- Refrain from quarantine following a known exposure if asymptomatic
- Refrain from routine screening testing if feasible

## **Guiding Principles for Fully Vaccinated People from CDC:**

- Indoor and outdoor activities pose minimal risk to fully vaccinated people
- Fully vaccinated people have a reduced risk of transmitting SARS-CoV-2 to unvaccinated people
- Fully vaccinated people should still get tested if experiencing COVID-19 symptoms
- Fully vaccinated people should not visit private or public settings if they have tested positive for COVID-19 in the prior 10 days or are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms
- Fully vaccinated people should continue to follow any applicable federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations

## **CDC Recommendations for Indoor and Outdoor Settings**

Risk of SARS-CoV-2 infection is minimal for fully vaccinated people. The risk of SARS-CoV-2 transmission from fully vaccinated people to unvaccinated people is also reduced. Therefore, 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, including local business and workplace guidance. Fully vaccinated people should also continue to wear a well-fitted mask in correctional facilities and homeless shelters.

**Prevention measures are still recommended for unvaccinated people. We encourage fire/rescue agencies to consult with their Medical Director/Department Physician when implementing new infection control measures. FFCA/FPF continue to recommend that ALL personnel wear a mask when interacting with members of the public and proper PPE while working in the healthcare setting, regardless of the location.**

The entire updated CDC Guidance on which this memorandum is based can be found here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>

Additional information on the safety and effectiveness of COVID vaccines can be found here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/index.html>

**Note: Recovery from previous COVID infection or a "positive" antibody test is not equivalent to COVID vaccination when implementing any of these strategies, according to CDC.**

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LEAD THE WAY!  
GET VACCINATED**

\*People are considered fully vaccinated for COVID-19  $\geq 2$  weeks after they have received the second dose in a 2-dose series (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna), or  $\geq 2$  weeks after they have received a single-dose vaccine (Johnson and Johnson (J&J)/Janssen).