

COVID-19 UPDATE



CDPH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FULLY VACCINATED INDIVIDUALS

May 5, 2021- The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) updated its recommendations for individual who are fully vaccinated. Key points from this [guidance](#) are listed below.

Fully vaccinated people can:

- Spend time with other fully vaccinated people, including indoors, without wearing masks or physical distancing (outside a workplace setting).
- Spend time with unvaccinated people from a single household who are at low risk for severe COVID-19 disease indoors without wearing masks or physical distancing.
- Refrain from wearing face coverings outdoors except when attending crowded outdoor events, such as live performances, parades, fairs, festivals, sports events, or other similar settings.
- Refrain from quarantine and testing following a known exposure if asymptomatic.
 - Following a known exposure at work, fully vaccinated workers do not need to quarantine if asymptomatic.
 - In the workplace, employers subject to the [Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Prevention Emergency Temporary Standards \(ETS\)](#) must ensure that employees are following the current ETS face covering and testing requirements.

Fully vaccinated people should continue to:

- Take precautions in public including wearing a well-fitted mask indoors, and when attending crowded outdoor events, as described above.
 - Check [CDPH guidance for face coverings](#) for updates.
 - Follow CDPH's [Guidance for Gatherings](#) when gathering with people who are not vaccinated, groups with both vaccinated and unvaccinated people, and persons of unknown status. Maintain physical distancing and adhere to other prevention measures when visiting with unvaccinated people who are at increased risk for severe COVID-19 disease or who have an unvaccinated household member [who is at increased risk for severe COVID-19 disease](#).

- Get tested if experiencing COVID-19 symptoms.
- If fully vaccinated people test positive for SARS-CoV-2, they should follow CDPH and local health department guidance regarding isolation and/or exclusion from high-risk settings.
 - For workplace settings, employers should follow the exclusion provisions of the Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Emergency Temporary Standards.*
- Follow [CDC](#), local and [state](#) health department travel requirements and recommendations.

GOV. NEWSOM ANNOUNCES \$5.1 BILLION PACKAGE FOR WATER INFRASTRUCTURE AND DROUGHT RESPONSE AS PART OF \$100 BILLION CALIFORNIA COMEBACK PLAN

May 10, 2021- California Governor Gavin Newsom proposed a \$5.1 billion package of immediate drought response and long-term water resilience investments to address immediate, emergency needs, build regional capacity to endure drought and safeguard water supplies for communities, the economy and the environment. In addition to the \$5.1 billion investment, the Governor is proposing \$1 billion to help Californians pay their overdue water bills. The package includes billions for drinking water and wastewater infrastructure, with a focus on small and disadvantaged communities. The Governor's \$100 billion in total California Comeback Plan is a comprehensive recovery plan to tackle five of the state's most persistent challenges.

The Governor's \$5.1 billion proposed investment, over four years, aligns with his July 2020 Water Resilience Portfolio, a roadmap to water security for all Californians in the face of climate change. It is shaped by lessons learned during the 2012-16 drought, such as the need to act early and gather better data about water systems. To learn more about current conditions, the state's response and informational resources available to the public, visit the state's new drought preparedness website at <https://waterresilience.ca.gov/drought/preparedness/>.

CALIFORNIA TO OPEN PFIZER-BIONTECH VACCINATION APPOINTMENTS FOR 12-15 AGE GROUP

May 12, 2021- California parents and legal guardians can schedule appointments for young people in their families aged 12+ to receive the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine using the statewide booking system starting Thursday (May 13, 2021) morning.

This expanded eligibility comes after the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) vaccine safety review panel and the Western States Scientific Safety Review Workgroup recommended on Wednesday that the vaccine is safe and effective in protecting this age group against severe illness, hospitalization, and death. On May 10, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) amended the Pfizer vaccine's Emergency Use Authorization to allow administration for 12- to 15-year-olds, following clinical trials that proved it safe for this age group with only non-serious side effects like fatigue and headache. About 2.1 million Californians are in this next eligible age group.

Parents, legal guardians or emancipated young people can check vaccine availability and book an appointment at [MyTurn.ca.gov](https://myturn.ca.gov) or by calling California's COVID-19 Hotline at 1-833-422-4255. They can also contact their family doctor, local community health clinic or public health office for more information.

Please visit covid19.ca.gov for answers to questions on vaccinations for the 12+ age group. For more information on the COVID-19 vaccine, visit [VaccinateALL58.com](https://vaccinateall58.com).

FOOD SAFETY COMMUNITY UPDATE

- Food Safety Meet Up on Tuesday, May 25, 2021- "[What makes a good produce safety professional?](#)" Sponsored by Ecolab and hosted by [Produce Safety Immersion](#) participants, join United Fresh on May 25 for small group discussions highlighting what you look for when hiring.
- FDA issued a report titled, "[Resiliency Roadmap for FDA Inspectional Oversight](#)," outlining the agency's inspectional activities during the COVID-19 pandemic. FDA is behind on their targets on routine inspections, but the information shows what can reasonably be done in this fiscal year, and how they adapted based on risk in the past 14 months.
- In Canada, CFIA published a [4 year analysis of biological hazards \(bacteria, parasites, and viruses\) in foods including fresh fruits and vegetables](#) sampled at grocery stores. Every one of the 967 samples of imported romaine were satisfactory. One out of 1100+ berry samples was positive for Cyclospora. there is a summary table with details on other items.
- A United Fresh [webinar on Cyclospora](#) can be accessed on demand.
 - AFDO published [guidance on how regulators should investigate Cyclospora](#) outbreaks.
- [FDA is once again sampling lettuce \(iceberg, romaine, and leaf\) from coolers in the Salinas region](#), starting next week until the end of the harvest season, targeting 500 samples. Unlike the spring assignment in Yuma, they will be using FDA labs and not a third party lab, meaning time to results will be longer (3 days for a negative). UFPA and other associations continue to try to understand the factors that influenced FDA's decision.
- [FDA opened a portal where importers can submit their FSVP records to the agency electronically](#). The rule specifies that inspections can be done solely through a review of electronic records (versus onsite) and the portal is a way to transmit those files.
- There are many food safety sessions as part of United Fresh's [Reimagine Conversations](#) education series.