

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

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 in Sacramento County, 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entertainment centers, conference centers, and State and local government offices serving the public, until it is rescinded or amended by the Health Officer.**

**Effective Monday, December 13, 2021, California Department of Public Health updated the [Guidance for the Use of Face Covering](#) which requires universal masking in all indoor public settings statewide, irrespective of vaccine status, from December 15, 2021 through February 15, 2022.**

## 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.*

- **[Guidance for Isolation and Quarantine for the General Public](#)**
- Refer to California Department of Public Health (CDPH) [Guidance for Isolation and Quarantine for the General Public](#) for additional information about isolation for persons testing positive for COVID-19 and quarantine for persons who have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 (unvaccinated and vaccinated).

## **Mega Events**

Mega Events are defined as events drawing greater than 500 (indoors) and 5,000 (outdoors) attendees. CDPH has issued guidelines for Mega Events. For further information, please refer to [CDPH Beyond the Blueprint Guidance](#).

- Vaccination verification or negative test result is required for **Indoor Mega Events (500 attendees)**. Testing must be conducted within 1 day for antigen test and 2 days for a PCR test prior to entry into the facility or venue. Children under 2 years of age are exempt from the testing requirement.
  - Self-attestation may not be used to verify status as fully vaccinated or as proof of negative test result for indoor settings.
  - All businesses and venue operators must check the identification of all attendees age 18 and over to validate their vaccination record or proof of negative test.
- Vaccination verification or negative test result is recommended for **Outdoor Mega Events (5,000 attendees)**. Testing must be conducted within 1 day for antigen test and 2 days for a PCR test prior to entry into the facility or venue.
  - It is recommended not to use self-attestation to verify status as fully vaccinated or as proof of negative test result.
  - If requiring proof of vaccination as recommended by CDPH, attendees age 18 and older must provide identification to confirm the individual presenting proof of vaccination or negative test is the attendee entering the facility or venue.
  - In Sacramento County, attendees of outdoor mega events are required to wear face coverings in areas where 50% of the structure has adjacent impermeable walls, such as concourses and concession stands ([Sacramento County Public Health Order, dated 7/29/2021](#)).
- Information shall be prominently placed on all communications, including the reservation and ticketing systems, to ensure guests are aware of testing and vaccination requirements (including acceptable modes of verification).
- Attendees must follow [CDPH Guidance for Face Coverings](#).
- Venues should make masks available to attendees upon request.

## [Alcoholic Beverage Control Regulatory Relief](#)

The Alcohol Beverage Control Department has determined to extend the regulatory relief for craft distillers to consumers. Please refer to [ABC Ninth Notice of Regulatory Relief](#) for more information.

## [SB-389: Off-Sale Privileges for Certain On-Sale Licenses](#)

Refer to ABC's webpage for [frequently asked questions](#) about SB-389.

## [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.

**9/29/21:** Updated mega events to include masking outdoor when 50% of the walls are impermeable.

**12/21/21:** Added requirement for universal masking indoors statewide December 15, 2021 through January 15, 2022. Added testing requirement to shorten time from 72 hours from when test result is received before entry to venue/event. Children under 2 years of age are exempt from the testing requirement. Attendees age 18 and older must provide identification to confirm the individual presenting proof of vaccination or negative test is the attendee entering the facility or venue.

**1/10/2022:** Lowered threshold for Indoor Mega Event to 500 attendees and Outdoor Mega Events to 5,000 attendees. Removed effective date for requirement to show ID if over 18 for negative test. Extended effective end date for statewide public health order to mask while indoors to February 15, 2022. Added links to ABC for more information about their regulatory relief.

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