

# CORONAVIRUS

(COVID-19)

## Situational Update

Monday, May 17, 2021

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# WHERE WE ARE TODAY

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## Current Values (data through 5/15/21)

Level of Community Spread	Daily case rate		Rate of transmission		Test positivity rate		New cases from quarantined contacts	
	7.4 (May 15)	7-day avg. per 100,000 pop.	0.77 (May 5)	Effective reproduction number ( $R(t)$ )	2.2% (May 13)	Percent positive from RT-PCR tests	14.2% (May 13)	7-day average
Health System Capacity	Percent hospital utilization		Percent COVID-19 patients		Mean test turnaround time		Diagnostic tests conducted	
	82.6% (May 15)	of available beds without surge	4.8% (May 15)	of daily hospital census, 7-day average	2.9 (May 15)	(days) 7-day average	4,358 (May 13)	7-day avg. per million pop.
Public Health System Capacity	Positive cases with contact attempt		Close contacts with contact attempt					
	92.8% (May 14)	7-day avg. attempt within 1 day	98.7% (May 13)	7-day avg. attempt within 2 days				
Community Engagement	Positive cases interviewed		Positive cases who provide close contacts		Mean number close contacts provided		Exposure Notification Opt-in	
	70.7% (May 13)	7-day avg. completed within 3 days	40.7% (May 13)	7-day avg.	1.4 (May 13)	7-day avg. mean per positive case	808,464 (May 12)	cumulative # of smart phones opted-in to official exposure notification system
	Correct mask-wearing		Percent full COVID-19 vaccine coverage					
	74.0% (Mar 21)	percent observed Updated every 4 weeks.	23.9% (May 7)	cumulative Updated weekly.				

Data Source: DC Health



Beginning on **Friday, May 21, at 5 a.m.**, restrictions on most public and commercial activity, including capacity limits, types of activities, and time restrictions, will be lifted.

On **Friday, June 11**, nightclubs and large sports and entertainment venues will be able to resume full normal operations.

DC's updated mask guidance goes into effect **today**.

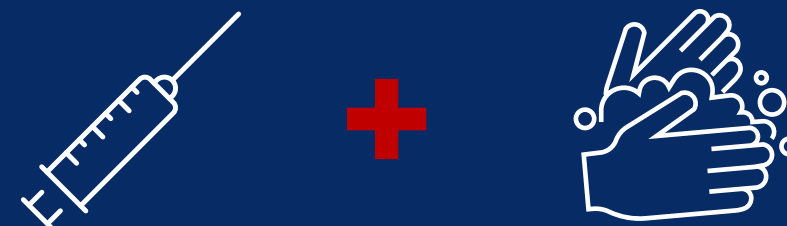
## PREVIOUSLY,

the best way to protect yourself was to wear a **mask**, **social distance**, and **wash your hands** frequently.



## NOW,

the best way to protect yourself is to be **fully vaccinated** (and please continue to wash your hands frequently).





Beginning today, fully vaccinated people\* only need to wear masks or social distance in places where it is required.



Fully vaccinated people should continue to stay home if they are sick.



\*A person is considered fully vaccinated 14 days after completion of a COVID-19 vaccination series.

# YOU MUST WEAR A MASK WHEN ENTERING THIS BUSINESS

PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS  
AGAINST CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)



## FACE MASKS SHOULD...

Fit snug against your face  
Cover your mouth and nose



## DO NOT...

Use the top of your shirt in-lieu of a face mask  
Use a wet or soiled face mask

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Even if you are fully vaccinated,  
continue to take a mask with you when  
you leave home.

## THEN, RESPECT THE SIGNS.

If a business posts a sign indicating  
that masks are required, **then you  
must wear a mask to go in.**



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# If you are not yet vaccinated or not yet fully vaccinated...

protect yourself and other people who are not yet fully vaccinated and those who cannot get vaccinated or may be immunocompromised by continuing to **wear a mask when you leave home.**

# For now, all people are required to wear a mask in the following places:

- On the Metro, on buses, and in taxis and ride shares as required on public transportation traveling into, within, or out of the United States (on an airplane, train, bus, taxi, ride-share vehicle, or at a transportation hub such as an airport or train station)
- Schools and childcare facilities
- Healthcare settings
- When required to per workplace or establishment policies
- Homeless shelters
- Correctional facilities



In addition to the mask guidance and guidance for fully vaccinated people, today, we are also posting updated DC Health guidance on:



**Business operations**



**Summer camps**



**Childcare**



**Schools**

Continue to check for updated DC Health guidance at [coronavirus.dc.gov/phasetwo](https://coronavirus.dc.gov/phasetwo)