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*** DIRECTOR OF HEALTH STATEMENT ***

SAN FRANCISCO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH ADOPTS NEW PUBLIC HEALTH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FULLY VACCINATED PEOPLE

SAN FRANCISCO, April 16, 2021 – Director of Health Dr. Grant Colfax released the following statement today after a decision by the state to adopt the CDC’s [guidance](#) on allowable behavior for fully vaccinated people. For the purposes of this guidance, people are considered fully vaccinated for COVID-19 two weeks after they have received the second dose in a two-dose series of Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna, or two weeks after they have received a single-dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. Currently, individuals 16 and older are eligible to get vaccinated in San Francisco.

“We welcome the state’s decision to adopt the CDC’s guidance for gatherings, and we have updated our [Health Order](#) accordingly. We are now at a point in this pandemic where fully vaccinated San Franciscans can attend small indoor gatherings with other fully vaccinated friends and loved ones without wearing masks or physical distancing or with unvaccinated people from one household who are at low risk of severe illness from COVID-19.

However, even vaccinated people may carry and transmit the disease, so it’s still very important that individuals consider the risk that exposure may have on those around them. For that reason, face coverings, physical distancing, handwashing and limiting indoor activities and gatherings with people outside one’s household remain as important as ever, especially with the increased prevalence of more contagious variants in San Francisco. Per the state’s guidance, when visiting with unvaccinated individuals at high risk for severe COVID-19 disease, vaccinated people should continue to wear masks and practice physical distancing.

We hope this news offers further incentive for people to get vaccinated as soon as possible. We want to thank everyone for their ongoing cooperation and compliance with the state’s guidance. Our City’s commitment to following the health guidelines has resulted in the lowest death rate from COVID-19 of any major city in the country. With more people getting vaccinated every day, the light at the end of the tunnel is getting closer. We just need everyone to hang in there and keep up the good work.”



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[SFDPH's Updated Health Order](#)

CDPH Updated Guidance for Gathering

- [Guidance for Gatherings](#) – Applies to private gatherings – social situations that bring together people from different households at the same time in a single space. Notably, attendance for gatherings is based on county tier status for the Blueprint for a Safer Economy, unless local health departments have more restrictive measures.
- [Guidance for the Fully Vaccinated](#) – Provides guidelines for people two weeks after full vaccination. This includes:
 - Spending time with other fully vaccinated people, including indoors, without wearing masks or physical distancing.
 - Spending 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.

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