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CDC Recommends COVID-19 Vaccines for Young Children



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- Today, CDC Director Rochelle P. Walensky, M.D., M.P.H., **endorsed the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' (ACIP) recommendation** that all children 6 months through 5 years of age should receive a COVID-19 vaccine.
- This expands eligibility for vaccination to nearly 20 million additional children and means that all Americans ages 6 months and older are now eligible for vaccination.
- Parents and caregivers can now get their children 6 months through 5 years of age vaccinated with the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccines to better protect them from COVID-19.
- ***All children, including children who have already had COVID-19, should get vaccinated.***

LA County and Long Beach offer Novavax, the new COVID-19 vaccine

In an effort to hike adult vaccination rates, Los Angeles County will begin offering a new, more “traditional” type of COVID-19 vaccine, Novavax, starting Wednesday.

The two-dose vaccine, the fourth vaccine generated to protect against COVID-19, will be available to county residents 18 years and older who walk into county vaccination clinics beginning on Wednesday. A second dose is administered three weeks after the first.

The Novavax vaccine is made differently than the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines. It was developed without the use of mRNA technology and Novavax does not contain any genetic material. Instead, it uses a “spike protein” produced in insect cells and an immune booster that develops an immune response to the coronavirus.



California Public Health Department (CDPH) Guidance – Last Updated June 30, 2022

General Considerations:

- The guidance is effective July 1, 2022, unless otherwise stated, and will continue to be reviewed regularly by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH).
- California affirms the authority of local health departments and local educational agencies to maintain or establish additional guidance, including required actions, for K–12 school settings in their respective jurisdictions.
- In workplaces, employers are subject to the [Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Emergency Temporary Standards \(ETS\)](#) or in some workplaces the Cal/OSHA Aerosol Transmissible Diseases Standard, and should consult those regulations for additional applicable requirements.

CDPH Guidance – Vaccinations

- Recommended Actions:

California strongly recommends that all eligible individuals get vaccinated against COVID-19 and remain up-to-date to protect oneself and reduce transmission of the virus.



LACDPH T1 – School Protocols – Vaccinations **– Last update dated March 11, 2022**

- **Achieving a high vaccination rate on your school campus is the first and best way to lower risk of infection and transmission at your school**, greatly decrease risk of severe illness, hospitalization, and death in those who are fully vaccinated, and provide an additional layer of protection for those who cannot be fully vaccinated, are immunocompromised, or have underlying health conditions.

CDPH Guidance - Facemasks

Effective March 1, 2022, the requirement for unvaccinated persons to mask in indoor public settings and businesses was replaced by **a strong recommendation that all persons, regardless of vaccine status**, mask in indoor public settings and businesses (examples: retail, restaurants, theaters, family entertainment centers, meetings, state and local government offices serving the public. Additionally, **after March 11, 2022, the universal masking requirement for K-12 and Childcare settings terminated.**

CDPH currently **strongly recommends** that individuals in these settings continue to mask in indoor settings.

LACDPH T1 – School Protocols - Masks

- Beginning March 12, 2022 masks will be strongly recommended but not required indoors.

CDPH Guidance - Testing

Recommended Actions:

- CDPH recommends that **antigen tests be considered the primary option** for detecting COVID-19 in schools, compared to PCR tests.
- Due to the increased travel and social interactions that often occurs during school-breaks, **it is recommended** that students and staff get tested for COVID-19 prior to returning to school following major breaks (e.g., summer, winter, spring).



LADPH T1 – School Protocols - Testing

- Assurance of access to testing for all exposed students within the school who are not fully vaccinated, and all exposed staff who are not fully vaccinated, or fully vaccinated and overdue for their booster dose
- Schools are strongly recommended to maintain sufficient testing capacity to test exposed students who are not fully vaccinated and staff who are not fully up to date on their vaccination status at least once weekly, during the 10 days after their last exposure date.

LACDPH T1 – School Protocols – Employee Testing

Note that current Cal/OSHA COVID19 Prevention Emergency Temporary Standards (Cal/OSHA ETS) **requires employers to offer testing at no cost** to employees during paid time for:

- Symptomatic unvaccinated employees, regardless of whether there is a known exposure.
- Unvaccinated employees after an exposure.
- Vaccinated employees after an exposure if they develop symptoms.
- Unvaccinated employees in an outbreak (3 or more employee cases).
- All employees in a major outbreak (20 or more employee cases).

California COVID hospitalizations have quadrupled. Who is getting really sick?

Two factors still mostly determine who is getting hospitalized because of COVID infections

They found that of the nearly 100 patients hospitalized in recent weeks at Stanford who tested positive for COVID, 35% were being treated for severe disease caused by the virus, **while the other patients were mainly being treated for non-COVID related issues**. Some among the 35% were medically vulnerable patients who were admitted out of an abundance of caution after testing positive.

UCSF hospitals reported a similar proportion among patients who are hospitalized because of the virus. As of Friday, they had 46 patients who tested positive for COVID, **but 24 of those had been admitted for other medical reasons**. In earlier COVID waves, in contrast, a much larger proportion of patients were admitted for treatment of severe disease, suggesting the virus was more threatening at that point than it is now.



Los Angeles County avoids new mask rule as COVID stabilizes

Los Angeles County **dropped a plan to impose a universal indoor mask mandate** this week as COVID-19 infections and rates of hospitalizations have stabilized, a top health official said Thursday.

On Thursday, she said the county managed to dodge imposition of the broad mask rule. The county remains at the “high” CDC level of community transmission, but it could drop to “medium” in coming weeks.

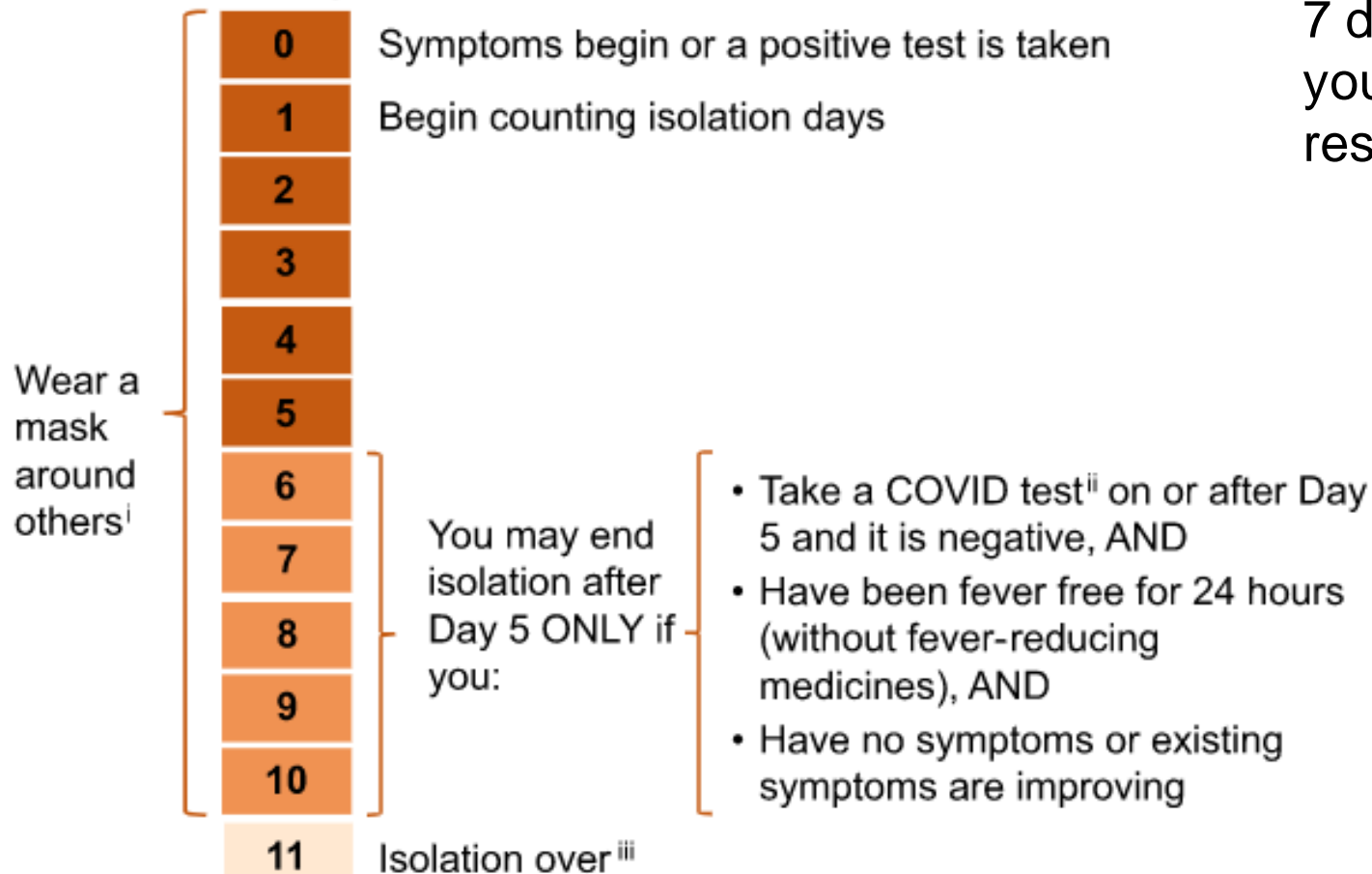
The new mandate, which would have gone into effect Friday, would have expanded the requirement to all indoor public spaces, including shared offices, manufacturing facilities, warehouses, retail stores, restaurants and bars, theaters and schools.



LA County Health Department Guidance (LADPH) – Positive COVID –19 TEST

ISOLATION

DAYS



- Take a COVID testⁱⁱ on or after Day 5 and it is negative, AND
- Have been fever free for 24 hours (without fever-reducing medicines), AND
- Have no symptoms or existing symptoms are improving

Call 1-833-540-0473

7 days a week, 8:00 am – 8:30 pm if you need assistance or help with resources.



LADPH Guidance – Close Contact

You are a "close contact" if you shared the same indoor airspace with someone with COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period while they were infectious.

If you are a [close contact](#) to someone with COVID-19 and **you have no symptoms, you are not required to quarantine.***

You are required to:

- **Wear a highly protective mask around others for 10 days**
- **Get tested 3-5 days after you were last exposed**
If your test result is positive, isolate
If you tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 90 days, you don't need to test unless you get symptoms
- **Monitor your health for 10 days**
If symptoms start, stay home and get tested

COVID-19 At Home Test Kits

Students – kits will be available at your home school site the week prior to start of school. Each site will provide site specifics regarding kit distribution.

We encourage all students to test Tuesday, August 16th prior to start of school on Wednesday, August 17th.

Staff – kits are available at your work sites. Please coordinate with your site administration.

We encourage all staff to test Sunday 14th.



COVID 19 Daily Screener

- Not a current CDPH or LADPH requirement
- Recommendation to **suspend use of daily screener** for both **staff and students and** keep it as an option if future conditions warrant it.



DUSD Fall 2022 - Vaccinations and Testing

- **Masks are not required**, but continue to be strongly recommended.
- **There are no vaccination or testing requirements for students.**
- **Schools within California are still required to test employees weekly that are unvaccinated**, or have not disclosed their vaccination status





Questions

Thank you