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## **COVID-19 Update: Help Us All Breathe Easier and Return to Normalcy – Get Vaccinated**

*Lake County's COVID-19 Data Page to be Updated Mondays, Thursdays Before 3pm Starting 5/31*

**Lake County, CA (May 21, 2021)** — Lake County's Testing Positivity and Case Rates have recently trended in the minimal-moderate range. We remain in the Orange Tier of the State's Blueprint for a Safer Economy. State Public Health officials expect California's economy to more fully reopen June 15. Read today's detailed announcement here:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Beyond-Blueprint-Framework.aspx>

With COVID-19 transmission relatively stable in Lake County, the last daily update of the Health Services Department's data pages will occur Thursday, May 27. Starting the week of May 31, updates will occur Mondays and Thursdays before 3pm: [http://health.co.lake.ca.us/Coronavirus/COVID-19\\_Data.htm](http://health.co.lake.ca.us/Coronavirus/COVID-19_Data.htm)

### **50% of Eligible County Residents Are Now Vaccinated – Together, We Can Reach our Goal of 70%**

"Now is the time to help us all move forward in our lives; to safely return to community events and gatherings, to safely patronize our business and get our children to school, and ultimately to get back to normalcy!" emphasizes Evan Bloom, MD, MPH, Lake County's Acting Public Health Officer. "Getting vaccinated is the single greatest action you can take to protect yourself against this virus, as well as to protect your loved ones and all those living and working in Lake County. 70% vaccination coverage among residents remains our goal - we can do it together!"

"To those who have received their vaccinations: a heartfelt thank you," continues Bloom. "For the half of the county who have not yet received their COVID vaccination: please help us all breathe easier!"

Vaccination appointments can be scheduled at <https://myturn.ca.gov/>. Lake County-focused information and resources are available at <http://health.co.lake.ca.us/Coronavirus/Vaccines.htm>.

If you want to be vaccinated, and need assistance overcoming barriers, call 707-263-8174.

### **State Masking Mandate Expected to Remain in Place until June 15**

State officials expect to align California's masking guidance with the CDC's June 15. Until that time, the requirement to wear face coverings in most indoor settings remains in place. State guidelines (*updated 5/3*) are available at

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-for-face-coverings.aspx>.

Dr. Bloom appreciates all people have sacrificed to keep others safe:

"I know this hasn't been easy. Thank you to all Lake County residents and others in our communities for taking COVID-19 so seriously. Thank you for changing your lives to protect yourselves and your loved ones from the serious effects of this highly communicable disease. From my work in clinical settings and with the Health Services Department, I know the steps you have taken have made a difference."

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