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COVID-19 Update: Moving Beyond the Blueprint

Local School Districts to Offer Vaccinations on a Rotating Basis in Partnership with Health Services

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Lake County, CA (June 14, 2021) — Lake County’s Testing Positivity and Case Rates continue to trend in the minimal-moderate range. Tuesday, June 15, the State of California will move “Beyond the Blueprint (for a Safer Economy),” and most sector-specific business restrictions will lift, as a result. Some high-risk settings will still require all participants to take precautions. “Mega Events” (5,000 people indoors, or 10,000 outdoors) are one example. Here are some State-produced resources many may find helpful:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/COVID-19/What-Will-June-15-Look-Like.pdf>

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

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

“Please remember, while Lake County’s Case Rate is significantly lower than it was during our winter peak, COVID-19 is still present in our communities,” urges Evan Bloom, MD, MPH, Lake County’s Acting Public Health Officer. “Nearly half of eligible Lake County residents [46.8%] have not received even one dose of vaccine. We are well short of the 70% rate required for herd immunity. Some areas of the State have seen recent upticks in new cases, even as restrictions are about to loosen. Getting vaccinated and continuing to take common sense precautions are essential, as we enter this next phase.”

New State Health Order Issued Friday, June 11, Effective June 15 – Replaces All Previous Orders

The County of Lake has no immediate intention to add restrictions beyond those required by the State Public Health Officer’s Order of June 11, 2021, which takes effect tomorrow, June 15. You can find that Order here:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Order-of-the-State-Public-Health-Officer-Beyond-Blueprint.aspx>

Q&As and other resources are available at <https://covid19.ca.gov/>.

New Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings

Starting tomorrow, June 15, *Fully Vaccinated Individuals* will no longer be required to wear masks, except in settings where they are required for all people: public transit; indoors in K-12 schools, childcare and other youth settings; healthcare settings, including long-term care facilities; State and local correctional facilities and detention centers; and homeless shelters, emergency shelters and cooling centers.

Unvaccinated and Partially Vaccinated Individuals will still be required to wear masks in most indoor public settings and businesses, including: retail; restaurants; family entertainment centers; meetings; state and local government offices.

“People are considered *fully vaccinated* for COVID-19 two weeks after they receive the second dose in a 2-dose series (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna), or two weeks after they have received a single-dose vaccine (Johnson and Johnson/Janssen).” *Source:* <https://covid19.ca.gov/vaccines/>

The California Department of Public Health’s complete Guidance document can be found here:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-for-face-coverings.aspx#June15guidance>

Health Services Partnering with Local School Districts, LCOE to Vaccinate Local Students, Families

The Health Services Department, Lake County Office of Education, and local School Districts are also partnering to make safe, effective COVID-19 vaccines available to students and their families* on a rotating basis. Appointments can be made at <https://myturn.ca.gov/>, and walk-ins will also be welcomed.

Two events are scheduled so far, follow the Lake County Office of Education Facebook page to make sure you don't miss the event in your District (<https://www.facebook.com/LakeCountyOfficeofEducation/>):

- Tomorrow (Tuesday), 6/15, 2-7:30pm – Upper Lake High School Cafeteria, 675 Clover Valley Rd, Upper Lake
- Thursday, 6/17, 12-4pm – Lakeport Elementary School Cafeteria, 150 Lange St., Lakeport

**Please note: anyone under the age of 18 getting vaccinated will need parent/guardian consent*

Get Vaccinated – It is Still Key to a Sustained Return to Normalcy

Appointments at a variety of locations throughout the county can be scheduled at <https://myturn.ca.gov/>, or by calling 833-422-4255. Lake County-focused information and resources are also available at:

<http://health.co.lake.ca.us/Coronavirus/Vaccines.htm>.

“To those who have already received their COVID-19 vaccinations: a heartfelt thank you,” shares Dr. Bloom. “For the half of the county who are not yet vaccinated: please help us all breathe easier! Increasing our vaccination rate to 70% is still our goal, and further vaccination is key to a sustained return to normalcy.”

“If you remain unsure, you are not alone,” continues Bloom. “Please get your questions answered. Online resources, like <https://yourvaccinationguide.org/>, can be a great help.”

If you have reviewed online resources and still have questions, or are ready to be vaccinated, and need assistance overcoming barriers, call the Public Health's MHOAC line, at 707-263-8174.

“Especially as things further open up, and people are mixing more, please take care of each other,” emphasizes Bloom. “If you are unvaccinated, and not feeling 100%, it is still best to stay home. Precautions that were mandates during the peak of the pandemic can help you stay healthier, and help protect your families and communities, even as we move Beyond the Blueprint. Stay safe and well.”

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