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## Fully vaccinated? Mask-up for One More Month

With almost half of California's population over age 16 fully vaccinated, great progress has been made across the state in vaccinating eligible residents against COVID-19. However, large numbers of residents are still unvaccinated, not yet fully vaccinated, or not eligible to be vaccinated.

That's why health officers around the Bay Area strongly support the California Department of Public Health's strategy to continue with the state's current masking guidance for the next few weeks.

This next month is critical to ensuring more of our residents get protected against COVID-19 before the state widely reopens on June 15. At that point, California will get rid of the color-coded tier system and adopt the CDC's updated masking guidance, which allows fully vaccinated people not to wear masks in most indoor and outdoor settings.

While we aren't out of this pandemic yet, we can see the light at the end of the tunnel. Safe and effective vaccines have been an important tool in getting us there. Don't delay, [get vaccinated](#) right away. Soon, we can all take off our masks –outdoors, indoors, everywhere.

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