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PCHD News Release – Masking Updates

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Pike County, IL – On Friday, May 14, 2021, the CDC announced that those that are fully vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus can resume activities you did prior to the pandemic. People are considered fully vaccinated if they are 2 weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine.

Those who are fully vaccinated can:

- Resume activities you did prior to the pandemic.
- Resume activities without wearing a mask or staying 6 feet apart, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance.
- Travel in the United States without getting tested before or after travel or self-quarantine after travel.

If traveling out of the country, those fully vaccinated will need to pay close attention to the situation at your international destination before traveling outside the United States.

- You do NOT need to get tested **before** leaving the United States unless your destination requires it.
- You still need to show a negative test result or documentation of recovery from COVID-19 **before** boarding an international flight to the United States.
- You should still get tested 3-5 days **after** international travel.
- You do NOT need to self-quarantine **after** arriving in the United States.

If you have been fully vaccinated and have been around someone who has COVID-19, you do not need to quarantine or get tested unless you have symptoms. However, if you live or work in a correctional or detention facility or a homeless shelter and are around someone who has COVID-19, you should still get tested, even if you don't have symptoms.

Those fully vaccinated will still need to:

- Follow guidance at your workplace and local businesses.
- Take steps to protect yourself and others if you travel. You will still be required to wear a mask on planes, buses, trains, and other forms of public transportation traveling into, within, or out of the United States, and in U.S. transportation hubs such as airports and stations. Fully vaccinated international travelers arriving in the United States are still required to get tested 3 days before travel by air into the United States (or show documentation of recovery from COVID-19 in the past 3 months) and should still get tested 3-5 days after their trip.
- Watch out for symptoms of COVID-19, especially if you've been around someone who is sick. If you have symptoms of COVID-19, you should get tested and stay home and away from others.
- Talk to your healthcare provider if you have a condition or are taking medications that weaken the immune system. You may need to keep taking all precautions to prevent COVID-19.

For businesses and healthcare facilities, go to [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) for further guidance.

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