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Subject: State COVID-19 Restrictions Lifted/State of Emergency Order to Expire

On [June 14, 2021](#), Governor Scott announced that more than 80% of Vermont's eligible population - those ages 12 and older - have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. Vermont's vaccination rate far exceeds the goal of 70% of those 18+ set by President Biden and ranks Vermont first in the nation on the number of vaccines administered per capita. As Dr. Levine noted in yesterday's announcement, Vermont's vaccination rate means there are few chances for COVID-19 to spread, less opportunity for mutations and more virulent strains to develop and will help keep coronavirus activity at low levels.

All State COVID-19 Restrictions are Lifted

On June 14, 2021, with the exception of operations governed by federal mandates, state correctional and state healthcare facilities, [Governor Scott lifted](#) all remaining State COVID-19 business, gathering and travel-related restrictions. State offices, employees and visitors at or in state-owned, leased or operated buildings, facilities and grounds, except for state correctional and healthcare facilities, can operate under the same conditions as before the pandemic. Restrictions are no longer needed to prevent the surge in COVID hospitalizations or deaths that were of greatest concern. As with every decision throughout this pandemic, it was made with the support of our top public health experts at the Vermont Department of Health.

State of Emergency Executive Order Expired

Additionally, the Governor's March 13, 2020 [Executive Order](#) No. 1-20 declaring Vermont's State of Emergency and all subsequent amendments, slated to expire today, Tuesday, June 15, 2021, will not be renewed. A new [Executive Order No. 06-21](#) was issued today to ensure continuation of federal funding for certain programs.

Protection Measures for Those Not Vaccinated

State employees are strongly encouraged to get the COVID-19 vaccine if they have not already. It is the best way to keep from getting and spreading COVID-19 and it is free. The dates, times and location of vaccination clinics can be found at [Getting the COVID-19 Vaccine](#). While restrictions have been lifted for state agencies and departments, except for state correctional and healthcare facilities, employees are encouraged to consider measures published by the Vermont Department of Health at [Protect Yourself & Others](#). Individuals may, of course, choose to continue to wear a mask at their discretion and that decision should be respected.

The lifting of the state of emergency and restrictions is an incredible milestone for Vermont and an example for the rest of the nation. It could not have happened without the hard work and sacrifice of so many state employees and their families, as well as our fellow Vermonters. Thank you.