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To: Appointing Authorities, Elected Officials, and State Employees
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From: Susanne Young, Secretary of Administration
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Subject: Updated Facility and Travel Guidance

Last week the CDC issued great news through updated guidance that stated individuals who are fully vaccinated for COVID-19 no longer need to wear masks or maintain a 6-foot distance from others.

Based on the updated CDC guidance and Vermont's progress in vaccination, on May 14, Governor Scott issued [an executive order](#) providing new guidance around mask-wearing, cross-state travel and gathering sizes.

Mask Guidance for State Facilities:

Effective immediately, with the exception of correctional facilities, healthcare facilities, long-term care facilities, healthcare settings, public transportation, childcare centers and schools, the following guidance applies to state-owned, leased or operated facilities, regardless of location:

- State employees and visitors at or in state-owned, leased or operated buildings, facilities and grounds who are fully vaccinated are not required to wear a mask or maintain a 6-foot distance from others.
- State employees and visitors at state-owned or operated buildings, facilities and grounds, who are not fully vaccinated must wear a mask and maintain a 6-foot distance from others, consistent with the current [Vermont Department of Health mask requirements](#).

You are “fully vaccinated” 14 days after your final shot.

No proof of vaccination is required for employees or visitors – we rely on the honesty and ability of others to make safe and responsible choices. Fully vaccinated individuals may, of course, choose to continue to wear a mask at their discretion and that decision should be respected.

Signage on state facilities where this guidance is applicable will be updated. Visitors to the buildings who are not masked may be reminded of the rule that if not fully vaccinated they should wear a mask.

Travel Restrictions Lifted:

Now that domestic travel to and from Vermont no longer requires testing or quarantine, the May 13, 2020 moratorium on non-essential business travel is lifted.