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## **Masking No Longer Required for Fully Vaccinated Persons in County Worksites *Jail, Shuman and Kane Facilities to Still Follow State, Federal Guidelines on Masking***

**PITTSBURGH** – County Manager William D. McKain CPA today announced the following changes to its policies for employees, contractors and visitors to all county facilities with the exception of the Allegheny County Jail, Shuman Juvenile Detention Center, and Kane Community Living Centers:

- Per [current guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) dated May 13, 2021, fully vaccinated employees no longer need to wear a mask or physically distance within Allegheny County worksites. Fully vaccinated employees must wear a mask where required by other offices, establishments or non-Allegheny County buildings.
- Fully vaccinated contractors and members of the public who visit Allegheny County worksites no longer need to wear a mask or physically distance.
- Unvaccinated Allegheny County employees, contractors and members of the public must continue to follow the [CDC's guidance for unvaccinated people](#) which includes masks and physical distance.
- Employees will be subject to possible discipline for failure and/or refusal to follow a supervisor's directives based upon the county's application of the updated CDC guidelines.

Employees, contractors and visitors are encouraged to read the [updated CDC guidance](#).

The CDC considers people to be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 two weeks after they have received the second dose in a 2-dose series (Pfizer or Moderna), or two weeks after they have received a single-dose vaccine (Janssen/Johnson & Johnson). There is not currently any post-vaccination time limit on fully vaccinated status. Anyone not meeting this definition is considered to be unvaccinated.

Again, these policies do not apply to employees, contractors and visitors to the Allegheny County Jail, Shuman Juvenile Detention Center, and Kane Community Living Centers. Those facilities have different guidelines set by state and federal licensing and regulatory agencies that will continue to be followed.

Updated signage is being posted throughout Allegheny County worksites today, and full implementation of the policy is effective tomorrow, Friday, May 28, 2021.



Pursuant to the announcement by the Pennsylvania Department of Health earlier today, the commonwealth's masking order will be lifted June 28, 2021 and will apply to all county facilities impacted by this policy as well.

For information about the masking policies for the Courts, County Council or any of the independently elected offices, please contact them directly.

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