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### Madera County Department of Public Health Provides Clarification on Masking Guidance

The Madera County Department of Public Health (MCDPH) is receiving questions related to masking requirements in Madera County. Face covering guidance from the California Department of Public Health has **NOT** changed. Masks are still required in Madera County and throughout California. Per Governor Newsom, California will keep existing mask guidance in place until June 15 when it aims to fully reopen the economy. After that, the state plans to allow fully-vaccinated Californians to go without a mask in most indoor settings. You will still have the option to wear a mask if you choose.

#### For businesses:

Businesses in Madera County need to continue to follow the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) guidance requiring the use of masks indoors and all OSHA workplace practices which have also not been amended. MCDPH recommends that businesses -

- Post signage stating masks are required
- Make masks available to customers, if feasible
- Remind customers of the mask guidance but do not confront those who refuse to wear a mask

#### For the public:

- Continue to wear a mask in accordance with CDPH guidance
- Avoid close contact with those not wearing a mask in an indoor setting where masking is required to lower the risk of transmission

As a reminder, the best strategy for moving beyond masking requirements and other COVID-19 restrictions is to GET VACCINATED. Vaccines are free and available to anyone 12 and older. More information about upcoming vaccination locations can be found at <a href="https://www.maderacounty.com/covid19vaccine">www.maderacounty.com/covid19vaccine</a>. No appointments necessary.

