

UCSF Health Guidance for Masking and Safe Physical Distancing

EMPLOYEES CAN EAT, DRINK, OR MEET USING THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES Effective March 16, 2022 Safe Distancing = greater than six feet from others when feasible		
LOCATION	Up-to-date* vaccination status	NOT up-to-date vaccination status (includes staff with approved exception on file with OHS)
INDOOR CLINICAL AREAS Clinical and common areas where patients and visitors can be present (includes waiting rooms and during patient care)	Masking and safe distancing from others are required**	
DESIGNATED ROOMS in INDOOR CLINICAL AREAS where patients/visitors <u>do not</u> have access (e.g. shared charting rooms, radiology reading rooms, pathology multi-head scope rooms, shared offices, and workrooms)	Masking ^a required	Masking ^a required with safe distancing (6 ft.) maintained as much as possible.
INDOOR NON-CLINICAL BUILDINGS	Masking required	
INDOOR NON-CLINICAL BUILDINGS DINING / CAFETERIA IN HEALTH CARE BUILDING In addition to indoor dining areas, includes hospital balconies, terraces, porches where patients and visitors can be present.	Masking ^a required	
ELEVATORS	Masking required	
OUTDOORS - GENERAL	Not required	Recommend masking when <6 feet from others

^aMask can be removed to eat / drink as long as safe distancing is maintained

*Per CDC, CDPH and Cal OSHA¹, **Up-to-date vaccination status is defined as meeting criteria in A or B:**

- A) COMPLETED** an initial FDA- or WHO-approved two-dose vaccination series > 5 months ago (or one-dose J&J > 2 months ago) and you have **RECEIVED** your booster.
- B) COMPLETED** an initial FDA- or WHO-approved two-dose vaccination series < 5 months ago (or one-dose J&J < 2 months ago), and > 14 days since you completed your vaccination series (i.e., **NOT YET** booster eligible).

**In patient care areas where patients and visitors can be present, all employees (regardless of vaccination status) are expected to distance to distance greater than six (6) feet, or as much as possible, from other persons, as able in their usual workflow.

Note: The UC-wide vaccination policy became effective July 15, 2021. UCSF Health employees and students with NOT up-to-date vaccination status will be required to be COVID tested and wear N95 respirator when working in a high-risk setting. For testing questions, contact the COVID hotlines:

- UCSF Health Employees dial (415) 514-7328
- UCSF Students dial (415) 476-8736 or online at <https://infectioncontrol.ucsfmedicalcenter.org/coronavirus/occupational>

Direct questions to: medicalcentersafety@ucsf.edu

Content may be edited based on changes in guidance at the federal, state and /or local level.

¹[CDC, CDPH, Cal OSHA](#)

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Frequently-Asked Questions

Q: Do I still need to wear a mask?

Up-to-date* vaccination status or Vaccinated employees must wear a UCSF Health-provided medical mask for all areas within health buildings.

NOT up-to-date vaccination status or Unvaccinated (defined as anyone who is not fully vaccinated) employees must wear a medical mask in all indoor locations on UCSF property, including UCSF-owned vehicles/shuttles/vanpools. Employees who are granted exemptions to the UC COVID-19 vaccine policy by Human Resources are considered unvaccinated or NOT up-to-date on vaccination status.

For all areas within health buildings, a UCSF Health-issued medical mask must be worn.

A request can be made to the employee's supervisor to be provided with an N95 respirator for voluntary use².

It is also recommended, but not required, that unvaccinated employees wear a mask outdoors anywhere on UCSF property when within 6-feet of another person.

Q: Can I wear a mask in non-patient care areas if I am vaccinated?

Yes, UCSF Health is fully supportive of any vaccinated employee who chooses to voluntarily wear a mask in non-patient care areas, in addition to the mandatory requirement to wear a mask in patient care areas.

Q: I was just vaccinated, when can I stop masking?

You can follow the 'fully vaccinated' guidance 14 days after the last dose of any FDA-authorized or approved vaccine. Until then, you should follow the guidance for un-vaccinated/non-fully vaccinated employees.

Q: Do I still need to physically distance from others?

In patient care areas, all employees (regardless of vaccination status) are expected to maintain 6 feet distancing from other people, or as much as possible in their usual workflow. This includes workrooms, breakrooms, and conference rooms embedded in patient care areas,

In indoor or outdoor non-patient care areas, all wear masks within health buildings. Employees NOT up-to-date with vaccination status are encouraged to mask when <6 feet from others. If unmasked (e.g. while eating or drinking), must maintain ≥6 feet from others. All employees must wear masks when within thirty feet of a health care building entrance.

Q: Do I still need to screen upon entry to UCSF Health premises?

Yes. All employees must participate in symptom screening when entering UCSF Health premises. This can be done through the digital screener.

Q: What other measures should I do to protect myself?

Hand hygiene is key to preventing transmission of infections and is an important part of preventing COVID-19 infection in healthcare settings and in the community.

Cleaning environmental surfaces that are touched by multiple people is also an important measure to prevent the spread of infection. Wear a mask if you are mildly ill and working within the Occupational Health Services working well policy.

Q: Do patients and visitors still need to mask?

Yes. Patients and visitors, independent of vaccination status, are required to wear masks in patient care areas when on UCSF Health premises.

² Contact medicalcentersafety@ucsf.edu for more details about obtaining an N95 respirator under voluntary use