

Alliance Vaccination Update, June 2021

All Counties are in Phase 3 of Healthy Washington Reopening

All counties are in Phase 3 of the Healthy Washington: Roadmap to Recovery reopening plan. This came after a two-week pause on phase movement to evaluate an emerging trend of flattening COVID-19 cases across Washington. Washington is moving toward a statewide reopening date of June 30. The full reopening could happen earlier if 70% or more of Washington residents 16 years and older have initiated vaccination or it could happen later if the state's COVID-19 data worsens—specifically if the state's ICU capacity reaches 90% at any point.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Update on Activities and Masks for Fully Vaccinated People

The CDC recently [announced](#) that anyone who is fully vaccinated can participate in indoor and outdoor activities, large or small, without wearing a mask.

Governor Jay Inslee [said](#) that Washington state would fully adopt the CDC's masking guidance, emphasizing that fully vaccinated individuals can choose to wear a mask. Business owners may adopt an honor system and assume that any customer who is not wearing a face covering has been fully vaccinated, according to a [proclamation from the Governor's Office](#). The proclamation also allows business owners and local authorities **to** require customers to wear a face covering and local authorities cannot prohibit them from doing so.

The CDC director and the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) have since clarified that ending indoor mask mandates should be linked to local COVID-19 infection and hospitalization rates, as well as vaccination coverage rates. King County Health Officer Jeff Duchin is [urging](#) residents to continue wearing a face mask in indoor public settings, whether or not they are fully vaccinated.

In terms of employees, employers can continue to require employees to wear a face covering, regardless of vaccination status. If employers would like to allow employees at a worksite to work without wearing a mask, they must obtain proof of vaccination, or obtain a self-attestation regarding employees' fully vaccinated status. Updated facial covering guidance for employers, issued by the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries is available [here](#). King County employers can schedule a workplace pop up vaccine clinic through the Seattle Chamber of Commerce [here](#) to help their staff get vaccinated.

Vaccinations in Washington State

More than 7 million vaccine doses have been administered in Washington state and are now available for everyone 12 and older. There are many resources available to those who are interested in making a vaccine appointment, including:

- using the Washington State Department of Health website [here](#);
- getting help from the COVID-19 vaccination hotline at 1-833-VAX-HELP (833-829-4357) and press #
- texting a zip code to 438-829 or 822-862
- helping those unable to leave their home by completing [this](#) form for a mobile vaccine visit so a mobile van come visit them.

Addressing vaccine hesitancy is a topic in a recent DOH [interview](#) with Alliance Quality Improvement Committee member and Comagine Health's Physician Executive for Quality and Safety Dr. John Vassal.

For those unsure about getting the vaccine, information is available in Arabic, Chinese, Hindi, Korean, Russian, Somali, Spanish, Vietnamese, Russian, and other languages [here](#).