When You Are Fully Vaccinated

People Are Considered Fully Vaccinated:
- 2 weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or
- 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson’s Janssen vaccine.
- If you don’t meet these requirements, you are NOT fully vaccinated. If you haven’t been vaccinated yet, find a vaccine. Keep taking all precautions until you are fully vaccinated.

Wearing a Mask When Fully Vaccinated
Fully vaccinated people will not need to wear a mask or social distance indoors or outdoors except where required by federal, state, tribal nation, or local regulations.

Fully vaccinated people will still need to wear a mask:
- On public transportation (airplanes, buses, trains, subways, taxis, etc.)
- In transportation hubs (airports, bus/train/subway stations)
- In health care settings, including medical offices, nursing homes, and hospitals
- While visiting prisons (follow current guidance inside prisons)
- In homeless shelters
- At Pre-K–12 schools

Private venues (restaurants, stores, workplaces, businesses) may choose to require you to wear a mask and social distance regardless of your vaccination status.

If you begin to have symptoms of COVID-19, you should get tested, stay home, and wear a mask around others.

If you have an underlying health condition or weakened immune system you should talk to your healthcare provider to learn if you need to take extra steps to protect yourself.

At the Workplace When Fully Vaccinated
- You still must follow your employer’s guidelines about wearing masks.
  - Businesses may either require masks and 6 feet of social distancing, or follow CDC’s recommendation for fully vaccinated people (Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People).
- You must continue wearing masks if you work in a health care setting.
- You may need to continue to be tested for COVID-19 if you live or work in a residential healthcare facility, correctional facility, detention facility, or a homeless shelter and are around someone who has COVID-19.

Gatherings and Events When Fully Vaccinated
- As of May 19, 2021, NYS social gathering limits are 250 attendees indoors and 500 attendees outdoors (NYS/CDC Guidance Summary).
- Businesses and indoor events above the gathering limit require unvaccinated individuals above the age of four to present proof of recent negative COVID-19 test result.
- The NYS Department of Health strongly recommends masks and 6 feet of social distancing indoors where vaccination status is not known.