



District of Columbia Relaxes Coronavirus Restrictions

What is the Coronavirus?

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease caused by the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS)-CoV-2 virus. The current mutation is a new strain of the SARS virus and no individual has any immunity prior to an exposure. The CDC has reported that testing has begun on a vaccine but for now, everyone should prepare and plan for possible impacts resulting from COVID-19. It has spread from China to many other countries around the world, including the United States.

Mayor Muriel Bowser has released a situational update on her Covid-19 Action Plan that walks back masking and vaccination card requirements in the District of Columbia:

https://coronavirus.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/mayor/bowser/release_content/attachments/Situational-Update-Presentation_02-14-22.pdf

Highlights of the changes include:

- As of March 1, 2022, masks will no longer be required in many private establishments
- As of February 15, 2022, indoor venues will no longer be required to verify that patrons are vaccinated.

NECA encourages everyone to check with their individual state and local government officials to determine what official guidance is in place through local mandates. The CDC [COVID Data Tracker](#) shows that as of February 10, 2022, about 213.4 million people, or 64.3% percent of the total U.S. population, have received a primary series of a COVID-19 vaccine. The CDC continues to encourage booster shots for vaccinated individuals and recommends mask wearing when social distancing is not an option.

Safety and Health are core values for NECA. We encourage everyone to be diligent in your efforts to stay safe and help the country go from the pandemic to an “end-emic.”

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