



## COVID-19 Daily Update May 14, 2021

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### **Mask mandate lifted for vaccinated individuals. Vermont Forward plan accelerated**

Governor Phil Scott today announced that because Vermont has already hit its necessary vaccination threshold – with over 60% of the population receiving at least one dose – it will move into [Step 3 of the Vermont Forward Plan](#) more than two weeks ahead of the anticipated schedule.

Additionally, following [updated guidance](#) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Governor signed an [executive order](#) lifting the State’s masking and physical distancing requirements for fully vaccinated individuals in Vermont. You are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after the final dose of your COVID-19 vaccine.

Both steps are effective today.

“Today marks a major step forward in our efforts to end this pandemic and get back to doing more of the things we’ve missed over the past 14 months,” said Governor Scott. “Vermont has led the nation in many ways throughout the pandemic, including our vaccination efforts. This puts us in the best position in the nation to safely take these steps based on the CDC guidance.”

“We have been eagerly awaiting this, and know that it is based on current science, research and data,” said Health Commissioner Mark Levine, MD. “This guidance makes sense for Vermont, because as thousands more Vermonters become fully vaccinated each day, life can, and should, begin to look normal again.”

Governor Scott emphasized that Vermonters’ commitment to getting vaccinated is critical to the state meeting its goal for lifting all remaining requirements on, *or before*, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

“Your shot is safe, easy and effective,” said Dr. Levine. “So, whether you prefer to make an appointment, go to a walk-in or mobile clinic, a partner pharmacy or any of the special

vaccination events happening around the state, go to [healthvermont.gov/MyVaccine](https://healthvermont.gov/MyVaccine) or call 855-722-7878 to find a vaccination opportunity near you.”

## UPDATED MASKING ORDER

Following CDC guidance, masking and physical distancing for fully vaccinated Vermonters – except in limited circumstances like in schools, on public transportation, healthcare settings, long term care facilities, prisons etc. – is no longer required. The mandate remains in place for those who are unvaccinated or partially vaccinated, including children who are not yet eligible for a vaccine.

Consistent with previous steps forward, businesses and municipalities can implement stricter guidance, if they choose.

## VERMONT FORWARD STEP 3

Step 3 of the Vermont Forward plan removes the testing requirement for travel and increases event and gathering capacity restrictions.

The new gathering sizes will allow for one unvaccinated person per 50 square feet, up to 300, plus any number of vaccinated people for indoor events; and 900 people, plus any number of vaccinated people, outdoors.

State websites are currently being updated to reflect the updated guidance and acceleration of Step 3.

- To view the full Vermont Forward Plan, visit [vermont.gov/vermont-forward](https://vermont.gov/vermont-forward).
- To view the updated executive order, [click here](#).
- For vaccination information, visit [healthvermont.gov/MyVaccine](https://healthvermont.gov/MyVaccine)

[Read the press release](#).

### **Walk-in vaccine opportunities now available**

Looking to walk in to a vaccine clinic without an appointment? You can! Check out the latest opportunities on our website: [healthvermont.gov/MyVaccine](https://healthvermont.gov/MyVaccine) and follow our [social media feeds @healthvermont](#) to stay up to date.

Remember that a clinic’s vaccine supply for walk-ins is limited, so the best way to guarantee your vaccination is to make an appointment through our [website](#).

### **COVID-19 testing is important and available right near you**

COVID-19 is a highly transmissible virus. Getting tested is not just the only way to know if you have the virus, it's also how we protect our loved ones and our communities.

And if you have any [symptom](#), no matter how mild, such as a headache, cough, fatigue or a runny nose, talk to your health care provider to get referred for testing. It's also important to avoid going to work, school or other places until you receive a negative result.

Even if you don't have symptoms, you can still have COVID-19 and not feel sick. If you don't have symptoms and want to get tested, there are [many test sites](#) now available around the state. It's free and easy!

### **COVID-19 Activity in Vermont**

As of 12 p.m. on May 14, 2021

Data is updated daily.

Description	Number
New cases	58 (23,792 total)
Currently hospitalized	12
Hospitalized in ICU	2
Hospitalized under investigation	1
Percent Positive (7-day average)	1%
People tested	387,588
Total tests	1,653,696
Total people recovered	21,881
Deaths	252

Find more data on COVID-19 Activity at: [healthvermont.gov/currentactivity](https://healthvermont.gov/currentactivity).

### **COVID-19 Vaccine Data**

As of 12 p.m. on May 14, 2021

Data is updated Tuesdays through Saturdays.

Description	Number
Total people who have received least one dose of vaccine	384,802 (70.3 % of 16+ population)
Total people who have completed vaccination	283,203 (51.8 % of 16+ population)

Find more vaccine data on the COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard: [healthvermont.gov/covid19-vaccine-data](https://healthvermont.gov/covid19-vaccine-data).

### **Additional Resources About Vaccination and More**

- Find answers to your questions about the COVID-19 vaccine from the CDC: [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/faq.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/faq.html).
- Get Vermont-specific information in our [Frequently Asked Questions](#).
- Sign up for [the COVID-19 Weekly Email Update](#).
- Find information sheets, posters and toolkits, as well as translated materials on our [Resources web page](#).

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