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Fully vaccinated individuals no longer need to wear a mask outdoors, except in certain crowded settings

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation (CHCC) and the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force would like to announce the alignment with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's guidance that fully vaccinated people no longer need to wear a mask outdoors, except in certain crowded settings and venues. Fully vaccinated individuals are those that are at least two weeks past their final dose.

The CHCC cautions, however, that about half of the adult population have yet to be fully vaccinated in the CNMI and that practicing the 3 Ws of wearing a mask, washing hands, and watching a distance is still necessary for crowds where social distancing is not possible and in an indoor setting where unvaccinated people may be present.

According to the CDC, fully vaccinated individuals can now:

- Visit with other fully vaccinated people indoors without wearing masks or physical distancing
- Visit with unvaccinated people (including children) from a single household who are at low risk for severe COVID-19 disease indoors without wearing masks or physical distancing
- Participate in outdoor activities and recreation without a mask, except in certain crowded settings and venues

Quarantine protocols in the CNMI, on the other hand, will not only depend on whether a person is vaccinated or not but will also continue to be attributed to the risk deemed by the CHCC officials.

The CHCC and the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force urges those who have not been vaccinated to consider getting vaccinated for a safer CNMI.

As of April 29, 2021, the CNMI has fully vaccinated 18,486 persons, representing 48.6% of the eligible population. Walk-ins are now accepted at all vaccination sites. The next village outreach vaccination site is May 1, 2021, at the Northern Marianas College, 8 a.m. – noon. Only 200 Moderna vaccine shots will be available to individuals aged 18 and older. Individuals are highly encouraged to register for vaccinations at any site online at www.vaccinatecnmi.com or call the CHCC call center at 682-SHOT/7468.

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