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## CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

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*WCMA distributes member bulletins focused on coronavirus information on Thursdays and as breaking news warrants. WCMA delivers electronic newsletters with broader content on Tuesdays. Please contact [WCMA staff](#) with any questions.*

### OSHA Issues Revised COVID-19 Guidance

This week, the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) issued [revised guidance to employers](#) on practices to mitigate and prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the workplace.

In the advisory document, OSHA officials echo Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance, saying that fully vaccinated workers need not take all the precautions unvaccinated people should take - including the use of face masks and the practice of physical distancing.

The guidance creates no new legal obligations, but encourages employers to:

- Grant paid time off for employees to be vaccinated;
- Instruct all employees (vaccinated and unvaccinated) who have COVID-19 or have COVID-19 symptoms to stay home and instruct unvaccinated employees who have had close contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19 to stay home;
- Implement physical distancing for unvaccinated and otherwise at-risk employees in all communal work areas and limit the number of unvaccinated or otherwise at-risk employees in one place at a given time; and
- Provide unvaccinated and otherwise at-risk employees with face coverings or surgical masks, unless their work task requires a respirator.

### Newsom to End California Workplace Mask Mandate

California Governor Gavin Newsom this week [pledged to sign](#) an executive order to let vaccinated workers go mask free once the state's workplace

regulator, Cal/OSHA, votes on new rules later today. Those rules, previewed last week, would still require unvaccinated workers to wear masks. The California Department of Industrial Relations, which includes Cal/OSHA, has noted that “employers must verify and document the vaccination status of fully vaccinated employees if they do not wear face coverings indoors.”

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## Wisconsin's Community-Based Vaccination Clinics Reducing Hours of Services

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services announced this week that its community-based vaccination clinics will gradually decrease their hours to offer one or two days of operation per week, based on declining demand and broad availability of vaccines at pharmacies and pop-up clinics. To schedule an appointment and to view clinics' updated hours, visit the [Wisconsin COVID-19 Vaccine Registry webpage](#) or call 1-844-684-1064.

[Click Here to Find a Vaccine Appointment Now](#)

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## Coronavirus Headline News

### Wisconsin

- *WBAY-TV*: [COVID-19 deaths fall to average one per day in Wisconsin](#)
- *WBAY-TV*: [Wisconsin's COVID-19 vaccination progress slows](#)
- *WKOW-TV*: [Wisconsin DHS announces tracking procedures for new COVID-19 'variant of concern'](#)
- *WISC-TV*: [Wisconsin bill forbids requiring proof of COVID vaccination](#)

### National/International

- *New York Times*: [COVID has claimed more than 600,000 lives in the U.S.](#)
  - *USA Today*: [Delta is the 'most serious' COVID-19 variant, scientists say. How will it affect the U.S.?](#)
  - *New York Times*: [Vermont is the first state to partially vaccinate at least 80 percent of its eligible population](#)
  - *Morning Call*: [Pennsylvania lawmakers mull end to extra federal COVID-19 unemployment benefits and advance bill to stop employers from requiring vaccine](#)
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## Visit [WisCheeseMakers.org](https://www.wischeesemakers.org) for More Resources

WCMA's coronavirus resources page on [WisCheeseMakers.org](https://www.wischeesemakers.org) is updated daily, featuring information on employee safety, regulatory flexibility, operations guidance, federal and state support, and salutes to your critical, essential staff.

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## WCMA Key Contacts

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