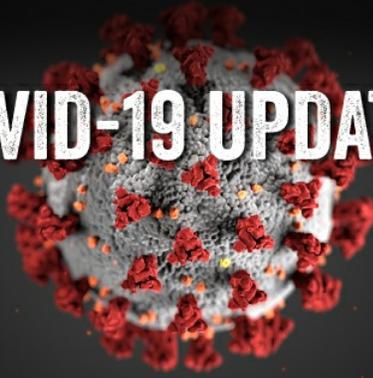


# COVID-19 UPDATES & INFORMATION



February 9, 2022 Special Notice

## Most Indoor Mask Mandates to be Lifted on Wednesday, February 16

In alignment with the State of California, Alameda County and several other Bay Area counties will lift universal mask requirements for most indoor public settings, beginning Wednesday, February 16. Unvaccinated individuals over the age of two must continue to be masked in all indoor public settings. This change aligns with the California Department of Public Health's (CDPH) decision to let the statewide indoor mask requirement expire, which was created on December 15, 2021, during the most recent COVID surge.

Indoor masking will still be required by the State for everyone, regardless of vaccination status, in public transportation; health care settings; congregate settings such as correctional facilities and homeless shelters; long-term care facilities; and in K-12 schools and childcare settings.

Bay Area health officers, along with the CDPH, continue to strongly recommend masks be worn in indoor public settings as an effective tool to prevent the spread of the virus.

The full press release can be viewed [online](#).



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## Business Impact Highlights from the Governor's 2022-23 Budget

Governor Newsom released his [proposed state budget](#) for 2022-2023 in January which includes additional spending for expenditures related to COVID-19. Below are some highlights that may impact your business:

- Extension of supplemental COVID-19 paid sick leave thru 9/30/22 (for businesses with more than 25 employees).
- Removes temporary cap imposed in the 2020 Budget on net operating losses and research and development credits.
- Expanded ability of business owners to deduct on their federal tax return the California taxes they pay on pass-through business income, to include businesses owned through a "disregarded entity," such as a single-member limited liability company and allows deductions below the taxpayer's tentative minimum tax.
- Exempts from California income tax, grant amounts received under the federal Restaurant Revitalization Fund and the Shuttered Venue Operators Grant programs.
- Additional COVID-19 Small Business Relief Program funding of \$150 million (\$20 million earmarked for non-profit).

We will continue to monitor the Governor's proposed budget and share any resources with our business community.

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## Small Business Administration & Business Forward Launch "Small Business Digital Alliance"

### Small Business Digital Alliance

The SBA and Business Forward, Inc., a non-profit organization working with small business leaders in support of policies promoting America's economic competitiveness, announced the launch of the [Small Business Digital Alliance \(SBDA\)](#). A joint public-private co-sponsorship, the SBDA will connect small businesses with critical tech resources to start and expand their e-commerce business to scale for success. The new initiative will also feature a series of free briefings and trainings to help small businesses access and utilize these digital tools to reach new markets, find diverse talent, improve operations, and raise capital.

The full press release can be viewed [online](#).

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## UC Berkeley Webinar for Creating and Implementing COVID-19 Protection Plans

UC Berkeley's [Labor Occupational Health Program](#) is providing free online webinars for employers to help create or improve COVID-19 Prevention Plans. This course is specifically designed for managers and supervisors working in the grocery, restaurant, retail, construction, and other industries where employees commonly come in contact with the public which puts them at higher risk for COVID exposure.

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This interactive course will be conducted virtually via Zoom and will focus on the protections necessary for protecting employees from COVID-19 that are required by OSHA and Cal/OSHA. Although these classes will be held via Zoom, they will be interactive classes where participants get the chance to work on activities and interact with each other. Available dates and times include:

- March 3, 1:00-4:00 p.m.
- April 7, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

If you are interested in attending this webinar, please visit the [registration page](#). For questions or more information, please email [mmp1998@berkeley.edu](mailto:mmp1998@berkeley.edu).

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## California Business Comeback Guide



The California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development has published the January 2022 edition of the California Business Comeback Guide, intended to help businesses and for-profit entities identify relevant new and existing state funding resources for recovery and success. Download the guide [here](#).

For more information, please visit the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development [website](#).

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## We Are Here for You

The City of Dublin appreciates our business community and remains committed to being your source for reliable and accessible information and resources.

For COVID-19 information and resources for the business community, visit our [Business Impacts webpage](#).

For up-to-date information and resources about the pandemic, visit the City's COVID-19 [webpage](#).

The Office of Economic Development is also available via [email](#) or by calling 925-833-6650. Language assistance is available over the phone by request.

**The COVID-19 Dublin Business Brief highlights the latest news and events affecting the business community. For more information or assistance, please contact the Office of Economic Development via [email](#) or phone (925) 833-6650.**

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