

SAFE RE-OPENING UPDATE

A safe & healthy workplace for City employees and the public



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What California's Re-opening Tomorrow Means for the City of Oakland

As more people are getting vaccinated, COVID cases are dropping in California and [in Oakland](#). It's good news that the safe, free, and now widely available vaccines are making a big dent in the COVID crisis.

If you aren't vaccinated yet or haven't completed your vaccination series, we strongly encourage you to drop in to a [community-based site](#) or [make an appointment](#) to protect yourself from COVID-19.

Tomorrow the State of California will eliminate the color-coded tier system that outlines public health restrictions for various categories of business and the workplace. Previous capacity limits on businesses and physical distancing requirements will be lifted, and mask guidance will be relaxed. Alameda County is rescinding its local "Shelter in Place" order and will fully align with the State.

What Does California's Re-Opening Mean for the City of Oakland?

Despite the steep decline in COVID cases, the virus is still circulating in our community. [40% of our population is still not fully vaccinated \(76.6% of those eligible have had a least one dose\)](#), and some, like children under 12, are ineligible to receive the vaccine. For these reasons, the City of **Oakland is taking a safe, measured and equitable approach to our re-opening** efforts. Departments are evaluating their operational needs and beginning to implement a gradual re-opening of City facilities to resume in-person service delivery.

When California re-opens on June 15, many City programs and services will be open, too! Here are some examples of in-person services we are offering the public:

- [Oakland Public Library](#)—The Main Library will be open seven days a week; 15 neighborhood branches will be open six days per week and until 8:00 pm two nights per week.
- Parks, Recreation and Youth Development
 - [Town Camp](#) is open! Town Camp is a fun and safe summer camp experience for youth ages 5-12 years old at 18 recreation centers citywide.
 - Two new outdoor fitness courts are open at Lowell and Arroyo Viejo parks.

- Five [swimming pools](#) are open to the public: Lions, Temescal, Fremont, deFremery, and East Oakland Sports Center and Water Park.
- Boating and sailing camps, as well as boat rentals, are open and available at the Lake Merritt Boating Center.
- Parks and recreation facilities are available for [rentals](#).
- [Ace Kids Golf](#) is programming at Lake Chabot Golf Course.
- Tennis courts and playgrounds are open citywide.
- The "Town Park" Skate Park at deFremery and skate ramps at Rainbow and Montclair recreation centers are open.
- Junior Tennis Camp and the Oakland Neighborhood Basketball League will resume this summer.
- The Adult Softball League will start June 21.
- Senior Centers are open for food distribution and vaccination clinics, and will begin to open to Senior Center members by appointment.
- [Oakland Paratransit](#) is serving seniors and physically disabled residents.
- [Oakland Animal Services](#) is open to the public seven days a week from 11 am to 5 pm. Animal control officers respond to all calls from 7 am to 9:30 pm, and emergency calls via a stand-by officer the remaining hours.
- Planning & Building has significantly enhanced public access to an array of online services
- [Parking Citation Assistance Center](#): open weekdays, 10 am – 2 pm
- Revenue offices continue to serve walk-in visitors.
- OPD offers a full range of services, including vehicle releases, police reports/records, towing abandoned vehicles.

Applications are Now Open for the New Telecommuting Program

We are transitioning away from the temporary telecommuting program that was adopted in March 2020 during the Shelter-in-Place Order. Employees who are interested in an on-going telecommuting arrangement will need to submit a new application and agreement, which must be completed and approved by your Department.

After discussing with and receiving permission from your immediate supervisor, you need to [fill out and submit this online form](#). The form will be routed to your Department SPOC and Director for consideration and approval. The deadline to apply is **no later than Friday, July 2**. Please review the new [Employee Telecommute Policy/Administrative Instruction](#) for more details.

Masking

The State will keep existing mask guidance in place until June 15, when California plans to fully reopen the economy. Currently, all workplaces must continue to follow Cal/OSHA's standards, including current masking requirements.

While Cal/OSHA is expected to revise its workplace guidance in the coming weeks, employers may continue to enforce public health best practices (masks, distancing) to maintain a safe & healthy workplace.

COVID is still circulating in our community, and a significant percentage of the population remains unvaccinated, including children. We are not asking employees or the public to reveal their vaccination status, so we must assume that people are unvaccinated and continue masking and physical distancing protocols to keep everyone safe.

The City of Oakland will continue to require employees and visitors to our facilities to wear cloth face coverings, **even those who are vaccinated**. Please review the City's [Face Covering Requirements](#) for more details.

From Our Partners at Alameda County Public Health

California Department of Public Health [urges the public](#) to report vaccine incentive scammers. Californians need to be aware of and quickly report any indications of possible fraudulent or other questionable activities by individuals attempting to take advantage of the state's recently announced COVID-19 vaccination incentive programs. If you encounter a possible vaccine incentive scam, please email rumors@cdph.ca.gov or call Vax for the Win incentives hotline at 1-833-993-3873.

For More Information

- A [visual guide to the June 15 re-opening](#) presented by the San Francisco Chronicle
- [Employee Resources](#) section of City's COVID website—provides a one-stop shop for City employees looking for information, policies, forms, and updates
- [Frequently Asked Questions for City Employees](#)—provides detailed guidance on COVID-related leave policies, COVID testing for City employees, what to do if you are exposed to COVID, quarantine/isolation guidelines, etc.
- House Calls for Vaccinations: Oaklanders who need a vaccination should visit [this site](#) or call **510-208-4VAX**. Residents who need an in-home vaccination can call **1-833-422-4255** or visit www.myturn.ca.gov
- News, stats and information from the [Alameda County Department of Public Health](#)
- Updates from the [California Department of Public Health](#)