



Yakima Health District

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Washington State Reopening & Guidance for Fully Vaccinated People

YAKIMA, WA- Today, Governor Inslee held a press conference to give an update on Healthy Washington's Roadmap to Recovery Plan. Beginning on May 18th, all counties in Washington State will be in Phase 3. Washington State will move towards a full reopening on June 30, 2021. This may happen earlier if 70% or more of individuals in Washington State over 16 years of age initiate vaccination.

Additionally, Governor Inslee announced that Washington State would adopt the mask guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Effective immediately, individuals who are fully vaccinated will no longer need masks in most places.

Quotes

“Our goal has always been to open up our community safely, and as soon as possible. Governor Inslee’s announcements earlier today shows that we can do so once we can vaccinate 70% of those 16 and older. As of today, Yakima County has vaccinated 48.6% of eligible community members and we know that we can get to 70% before June 30th.” Andre Fresco, Executive Director

“Good news for fully vaccinated individuals, effective immediately you will no longer need to wear a mask in most circumstances. There are some individuals who for medical reasons cannot get this vaccine. This is why it’s so important for everyone who can, to do so as soon as possible. Let’s stand together as a community and help protect those who cannot get vaccinated. Together we will finally overcome this pandemic.” Dr. Larry Jecha, Interim Health Officer, Yakima Health District

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