WHERE WE ARE TODAY

(data through 5/15/21)

**Level of Community Spread**
- **Daily case rate:** 7.4 (May 13)
  - 7-day avg. per 10,000 pop.

**Health System Capacity**
- **Percent hospital utilization:** 82.6% (May 13)
  - 7-day avg. of available beds without surge

**Public Health System Capacity**
- **Positive cases with contact attempt:** 92.8% (May 14)
  - 7-day avg. attempt within 1 day

**Community Engagement**
- **Correct mask-wearing:** 74.0% (Mar 21)
  - Updated every 4 weeks

**Test positivity rate**
- 2.2% (May 13)
  - Percent positive from RT-PCR tests

**New cases from quarantined contacts**
- 14.2% (May 13)
  - 7-day average

**Rate of transmission**
- 0.77 (May 5)
  - Effective reproduction number (R0)

**Percent COVID-19 patients**
- 4.8% (May 15)
  - 7-day avg. in daily hospital areas, 7-day average

**Close contacts with contact attempt**
- 98.7% (May 13)
  - 7-day avg. attempt within 2 days

**Mean test turnaround time**
- 2.9 (May 15)
  - (days) 7-day average

**Mean number close contacts provided**
- 1.4 (May 13)
  - 7-day avg. mean per positive case

**Diagnostic tests conducted**
- 4,358 (May 13)
  - 7-day avg. per million pop.

**Percent full COVID-19 vaccine coverage**
- 23.9% (May 7)
  - cumulative Updated weekly

Data Source: DC Health

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May 17, 2021
Beginning on **Friday, May 21, at 5 a.m.**, restrictions on most public and commercial activity, including capacity limits, types of activities, and time restrictions, will be lifted.

On **Friday, June 11**, nightclubs and large sports and entertainment venues will be able to resume full normal operations.

DC’s updated mask guidance goes into effect **today**.
PREVIOUSLY, the best way to protect yourself was to wear a mask, social distance, and wash your hands frequently.

NOW, the best way to protect yourself is to be fully vaccinated (and please continue to wash your hands frequently).
Beginning today, fully vaccinated people* only need to wear masks or social distance in places where it is required.

Fully vaccinated people should continue to stay home if they are sick.

*A person is considered fully vaccinated 14 days after completion of a COVID-19 vaccination series.
Even if you are fully vaccinated, continue to take a mask with you when you leave home.

If a business posts a sign indicating that masks are required, then you must wear a mask to go in.
If you are not yet vaccinated or not yet fully vaccinated...

protect yourself and other people who are not yet fully vaccinated and those who cannot get vaccinated or may be immunocompromised by continuing to wear a mask when you leave home.
For now, all people are required to wear a mask in the following places:

- On the Metro, on buses, and in taxis and ride shares as required on public transportation traveling into, within, or out of the United States (on an airplane, train, bus, taxi, ride-share vehicle, or at a transportation hub such as an airport or train station)

- Schools and childcare facilities

- Healthcare settings

- When required to per workplace or establishment policies

- Homeless shelters

- Correctional facilities
In addition to the mask guidance and guidance for fully vaccinated people, today, we are also posting updated DC Health guidance on:

- Business operations
- Summer camps
- Childcare
- Schools

Continue to check for updated DC Health guidance at [coronavirus.dc.gov/healthguidance](http://coronavirus.dc.gov/healthguidance)