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**CALIFORNIA MOVES BEYOND THE BLUEPRINT TO FULLY REOPEN:
NEW FACE COVERING GUIDANCE FOR CITY FACILITIES EFFECTIVE JUNE 15;
COUNCIL CHAMBERS REOPEN TO THE PUBLIC JUNE 22**

Chino Hills, CA – San Bernardino County, along with the rest of the State of California has fully reopened its economy as of today eliminating various restrictions and the color-coded County tier system. California Governor Gavin Newsom terminated the Stay-at-Home order that was implemented early in the pandemic and has retired the Blueprint for a Safer Economy effective June 15. Restaurants, bars, retail stores, theaters, hotels, and entertainment centers may return to usual operations – meaning no capacity limitations and no requirements for social distancing.

In alignment with the State’s reopening, all City facilities are now open. The City of Chino Hills will reopen Council Chambers to the public for in-person attendance beginning with the Tuesday, June 22 City Council meeting. Commission meetings will reopen to the public for in-person attendance beginning in July. To encourage public participation, meetings will be conducted in a hybrid format and continue to be offered through Zoom at least through September 2021. The public can participate in meetings and provide public comments in-person, remotely by phone or through Zoom, or by submitting comments via email. For more details on how to participate in a public meeting, visit www.chinohills.org/PublicMeetings.

The California Department of Public Health released a [new State Public Health Officer Order](#) that goes into effect today. The order replaces the previous pandemic public health orders with limited requirements related to face coverings and mega events, as well as settings with children and youth pending an expected update later this month to the K-12 school guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The action results in the long-awaited full and safe reopening.

Face coverings will not be required for fully vaccinated individuals in City facilities in alignment with the State of California and County of San Bernardino Public Health Department guidelines for the use of face coverings. There are some situations identified by the CDC where face coverings are required for everyone, regardless of vaccination status.

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These exceptions include indoors in K-12 schools, childcare and other youth settings including youth programs and recreation classes; on public transit and in transportation hubs; healthcare settings; State and local correctional facilities and detention centers; homeless and emergency shelters; and cooling centers.

This portion of the order directly applies to the City of Chino Hills Community Services Department which must adhere to the guidelines in the current State of California COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools and Child Care Programs and Providers. All participants in recreation classes in the K-12 grade levels will be required to wear a face covering in Summer Day Camp, recreation classes, and indoor recreation programs.

The California Division of Occupational Safety and Health, better known as Cal/OSHA, is still requiring employees in the workplace to use face coverings when indoors, and outdoors when around others. The City of Chino Hills follows the COVID-19 guidance provided by Cal/OSHA and employees will continue to wear face coverings when providing City services to the public. For more information on what else is changing, visit the [Cal/OSHA website](#).

Face coverings are not recommended for anyone younger than two years old. Individuals with medical conditions, mental health conditions, hearing impairments, or a disability that prevents wearing a face covering are exempt from wearing a face covering at all times. To view the State of California's full guidance for the use of face coverings, click [here](#).

Staff continues to provide City services via telephone, online, and in some cases by appointment. For information and updates related to the COVID-19 pandemic, please visit www.chinohills.org/Coronavirus.

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