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County now requires proof of vaccination to enter restaurants, other businesses

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Contra Costa County joined nearby jurisdictions such as Berkeley and San Francisco in requiring that proof of vaccination must be shown before patrons may enter restaurants, gyms, and other indoor businesses where there's an increased risk of spreading COVID-19. The risk of transmission is highest in these spaces because people remove face coverings to eat or drink or breathe heavily because of physical exertion. The requirement affects everyone over 12 years of age. If proof of vaccination is not available, or if a person is not fully vaccinated, a negative COVID-19 test result received in the past three days will also work. An athome test will not be accepted for this purpose.

Proof of vaccination may be either the physical card received when vaccinated or a digital record obtained from the state. The county has provided information on how to obtain digital COVID-19 vaccination records from the State of California Vaccine portal. Go to https://myvaccinerecord.cdph.ca.gov to obtain vaccine records.

By entering a few details, you can get a link to a QR code and a digital copy of your COVID-19 vaccination record. If you want to share your proof of vaccination, you can use either the electronic version you'll get from the portal or the card you were given at time of vaccination.

If you are a parent or guardian and have multiple vaccine records associated with a single mobile phone number or email address, enter each digital vaccine record request separately.

If you received your vaccinations from a federal agency (e.g., Department of Defense, Indian Health Services, or Veterans Affairs), you will need to reach out to those agencies for assistance with your vaccination record.

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