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Updated Guidance for Choral Singers May 13, 2021

Dr. Rochelle Walensky, the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said during a media briefing on Thursday, May 13, 2021, that people who are fully vaccinated against Covid-19 no longer need to wear masks or physically distance, indoors or outdoors in most circumstances. Based on the information provided by the CDC today, it appears that it is now safe to return to choral rehearsals and singing.

"Based on the continuing downward trajectory of cases, the scientific data on the performance of our vaccines, and our understanding of how the virus spreads," Walensky said, "that moment has come for those who are fully vaccinated."

Fully vaccinated people may be asked to continue to wear a mask in certain situations such as in health care environments or certain workplaces, and people with immune deficiencies should speak with their doctor first before ceasing mask use. Fully-vaccinated status occurs two weeks after the last dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

