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## *Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update:*

### *Santa Clara County Lifts Mask Mandate*

The Santa Clara County Public Health Department announced Tuesday it is lifting the indoor mask mandate for all individuals, regardless of vaccination status, effective Wednesday, March 2, 2022. It is the last of the Bay Area counties to end the indoor mask requirement.

The County's press release is available [here](#).

Businesses are still permitted to voluntarily require masks for employees and customers.

California still requires masks in certain higher-risk settings, including public transit, healthcare facilities, shelters, jails, and long-term care facilities. More information about the state's remaining mask requirements is available [here](#).

*Sweeney Mason is closely tracking the proposed COVID PSL as it makes its way through the legislature, and we will provide updates as we learn more. We continue to recommend that employers track employee sick time for COVID-related reasons separately from regular paid sick leave use to make retroactive implementation easier.*

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