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MEMORANDUM

Date: May 26, 2021

From: Anne L. Head, Director, Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation
(OPOR)

Re: ***Updated Guidance and Retiring of Covid-19 Prevention Checklists***

Effective Monday, May 24, 2021, the State of Maine has adopted the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (U.S. CDC) face covering recommendations, which eliminates the requirement to wear face coverings indoors for fully vaccinated Americans except in certain settings. In addition, given Maine's vaccination rate, the state will not be enforcing the masking requirement against those who are not vaccinated. Mask wearing is still required in certain settings (transportation and schools/childcare) and is recommended for those who are immunocompromised or those who are not fully vaccinated, both to protect themselves and to protect those who are unable to get a vaccine (such as children).

The Federal guidance, [Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People](#), states that fully vaccinated people can resume activities without wearing a mask or physically distancing, **except** where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules and regulations, **including** local business and workplace guidance.

The updated Federal guidance does not apply to **healthcare settings**. Staff, patients, residents and visitors should continue to wear masks as recommended in all healthcare facilities. Please visit [Updated Healthcare Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations in Response to Covid-19 Vaccination](#) for more information and any updates on healthcare settings.

According to the Governor's May 14, 2021 [press release](#), Maine has lifted all capacity limits and physical distancing requirements for both indoor and outdoor public settings. The State of Maine has retired its COVID-19 Prevention Checklists and the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) has updated its [COVID-19 General Industry Guidance](#). However, the State is no longer enforcing COVID-19 checklists and instead is deferring to the U.S. CDC Guidance for [Community, Work and School](#) for various community settings and activities. If you have any questions about any of the U.S. CDC guidance, we recommend that you contact your state or national professional association and/or legal advisor.

For the latest information including Executive Orders, please visit the Office of the Governor's COVID-19 Response website: <https://www.maine.gov/covid19>. In addition, the following links may be helpful for your reference:

- [Governor's Executive Order 39 FY 20/21](#)
- [Governor's Press Release 5.14.21](#)
- [DECD Monthly Update 5/19/21 - Video](#)
- [DECD Monthly Update 5/19/21 - Audio only](#)

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- [US CDC Guidance for Fully Vaccinated People](#)
- [US CDC Guidance Health Care Settings](#)
- [US CDC Guidance Workplaces](#)
- [US CDC Guidance COVID-19](#)

Thank you for all of your efforts during this pandemic to keep your community, friends, family, coworkers, and clients safe and healthy.