



# ATU COVID-19 VACCINE FAQ

## FULLY VACCINATED TRANSIT WORKERS IN THE U.S.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently announced interim public health recommendations that suggest fully vaccinated people in the United States may gather in private settings, under extremely limited circumstances, without wearing masks or practicing physical distancing.

*What does it mean to be “fully vaccinated”?*

People are considered fully vaccinated:

- 2 weeks after getting the second dose of a 2-dose vaccine (e.g., Pfizer, Moderna), or
- 2 weeks after getting a single-dose vaccine (e.g., Johnson & Johnson)

If you do not meet these requirements, you are **NOT** fully vaccinated and should avoid any gatherings that do not accommodate mask wearing and physical distancing.

*How does this guidance affect transit workers?*

Operating a transit vehicle with passengers, even if the operator is fully vaccinated, is **NOT** considered a private gathering of fully vaccinated individuals and all current safety measures, including wearing a mask, should be maintained.

Fully vaccinated workers in maintenance, dispatch, and other departments should continue to wear masks and practice physical distancing if they are around people who are not yet fully vaccinated, even if only a small number of people are working a particular shift.

Even as more people are vaccinated every day, we cannot let our guard down. Employers must continue to provide masks, other PPE, and good ventilation for transit workers; enforce passenger mask requirements; and prevent crowding on vehicles until a substantial majority of the population has been fully vaccinated. ATU’s demands for health and safety protections have not changed.

We should continue to follow commonsense safety precautions regardless of vaccine status, both in and out of the workplace, to protect ourselves, our coworkers, our families, our communities, and the transit industry.

*Under what limited conditions are fully vaccinated people able to gather without masks or distancing?*

As of April 27, 2021, CDC has published a list of activities that fully vaccinated people can or cannot engage in without wearing a mask or practicing physical distancing. Activities marked with masked icons below require fully vaccinated people to wear masks and unvaccinated people to wear masks, practice social distancing, and maintain other precautions such as regular hand washing.

### Choosing Safer Activities

	Unvaccinated People	Your Activity	Fully Vaccinated People
		<b>Outdoor</b>	
Safest		Walk, run, roll, or bike outdoors with members of your household	
		Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated family and friends	
		Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people	
Less Safe		Dine at an outdoor restaurant with friends from multiple households	
		Attend a crowded, outdoor event, like a live performance, parade, or sports event	
		<b>Indoor</b>	
Less Safe		Visit a barber or hair salon	
		Go to an uncrowded, indoor shopping center or museum	
		Ride public transport with limited occupancy	
		Attend a small, indoor gathering of fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people from multiple households	
Least Safe		Go to an indoor movie theater	
		Attend a full-capacity worship service	
		Sing in an indoor chorus	
		Eat at an indoor restaurant or bar	
		Participate in an indoor, high intensity exercise class	

#### Get a COVID-19 vaccine



**Prevention measures not needed**

**Take prevention measures**  
 Fully vaccinated people: wear a mask  
 Unvaccinated people: wear a mask, stay 6 feet apart, and wash your hands.

• Safety levels assume the recommended prevention measures are followed, both by the individual and the venue (if applicable).

• CDC cannot provide the specific risk level for every activity in every community. It is important to consider your own personal situation and the risk to you, your family, and your community before venturing out.

Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>

Visit <https://www.atu.org/covid-19/> for more information.