As the June 15th reopening date approaches, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) issued a statement describing significantly reduced COVID-19 restrictions. The CDPH statement confirms all sectors listed in the current California Blueprint for a Safer Economy may return to usual operations based on several general public health recommendations.

Capacity limitations and physical distancing will no longer be required. California will continue to follow CDPH guidance for face coverings. California’s guidance has not been updated to mirror the CDC. While the Governor and others have indicated California will update its face-covering guidance, it has not yet occurred.

The CDPH’s statement also specifies requirements for mega-events. Indoor events with greater than 5,000 attendees, or outdoor events with greater than 10,000
attendees, are considered mega-events. Vaccination verification or negative COVID-19 testing will be required for indoor mega-events and recommended for outdoor mega-events. These requirements will remain in place at least through October 1, 2021.

Employers should note that while the CDPH will reduce its restrictions, employers must continue to also follow local public health guidance. Some localities, like Santa Clara County, have more stringent requirements for returning to usual operations.

Finally, the CDPH’s Statement confirms most employers are subject to the Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Prevention Emergency Temporary Standards (ETS), which are also currently in a state of flux but will likely be revised on June 3rd.

Jackson Lewis P.C. © 2021

National Law Review, Volume XI, Number 149

Source URL: https://www.natlawreview.com/article/california-department-public-health-provides-details-california-reopening