



Additional Guidance on Fully Vaccinated People

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To reduce the spread of COVID-19 and to maintain healthy operations, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has provided updated information for fully vaccinated people given new evidence on the B.1.617.2 (Delta) variant currently circulating in the United States.

As tribes and tribally licensed gaming facilities continue to review, consider, plan, and monitor their gaming facilities operational status and COVID-19 prevention protocols, the NIGC recommends reviewing and incorporating the most recent CDC Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People, designed to enhance individual and community protections and to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Tribal leaders and gaming operations can determine, in collaboration with tribal regulatory authorities, whether and how to implement these considerations, with adjustments to meet the unique needs and circumstances of the local community.

Because the transmission rate of COVID-19's Delta variant is far greater than previously observed rates of other variants, review of and changes to the Tribe's current prevention protocols may be warranted, particularly if the Tribe's gaming facilities resides in an area of [substantial or high transmission](#). The NIGC continues to understand conditions vary widely by community and this guidance does not replace tribal health and safety laws, rules, and regulations with which the gaming operations must comply. Moreover, operators and tribal regulatory authorities should continue to monitor, assess and adjust current COVID-19 protocols and operating status due to shifting public health and safety information and risks. The NIGC continues to encourage collaboration with state and local health officials when assessing local conditions and needs.

The CDC newest guidance for fully vaccinated people and other important guidance on readiness, planning and how to slow the spread of COVID-19 are listed below:

- Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>
- Considerations for Events and Gatherings:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/large-events/considerations-for-events-gatherings.html>
- Considerations for Casinos and Gaming Operations:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/business-employers/casinos-gaming-operations.html>
- NIGC Guidance Regarding COVID-19 can be found on our webpage:
<https://www.nigc.gov/commission/nigc-guidance-regarding-covid-19>.