

# CDC Quietly Ends Discrimination of Individuals Based on COVID Vaccination Status



Today, the U.S Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) quietly [ended](#) its policy of differentiating within COVID-19 [prevention guidance](#) between those who have received Covid vaccines and those who have not.



## New COVID-19 guidance from CDC focuses on individual decisions

- Those exposed to the virus are no longer required to quarantine.
- Unvaccinated people now have the same guidance as vaccinated people.
- Students can stay in class after being exposed to the virus.
- It's no longer recommended to screen those without symptoms.

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**Nonpharmaceutical interventions.** Implementation of multiple prevention strategies helps protect individual persons and communities from SARS-CoV-2 exposure and reduce risk for medically significant illness and death by reducing risk for infection ([Table](#)). Implementation of multiple nonpharmaceutical preventive interventions can complement use of vaccines and therapeutics, especially as COVID-19 Community Levels increase and among persons at high risk for severe illness. **CDC's COVID-19 prevention recommendations no longer differentiate based on a person's vaccination status** because breakthrough infections occur, though they are generally mild (16), and persons who have had COVID-19 but are not vaccinated have some degree of protection against severe illness from their previous infection (17). In addition to strategies recommended at all COVID-19 Community Levels, education and messaging to help individual persons understand their risk for medically significant illness complements recommendations for prevention strategies based on risk.

As [explained](#) by the CDC's Greta Massetti, lead author of the new guidance:

*Both prior infection and vaccination confer some protection against severe illness, and so it really makes the most sense to not differentiate with our guidance or our recommendations based on vaccination status at this time.*

Someone might want to tell the millions of workers who lost their jobs, the millions of students who received injections out of anticipation for school mandates, and the millions of law-abiding citizens who have been, and often continue to be, excluded from everyday life activities and basic medical care due to their unwillingness to show proof that they received an mRNA shot they neither wanted nor needed, a differentiation that the CDC now admits does not make sense. All cool, I'm sure.

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