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Good morning. We wanted to share the below email we received from the USDA.

Good morning FPAC leaders,

As you are aware, CDC changed mask recommendations on Thursday. On Friday afternoon, the Secretary issued the following guidance:

- *If you are fully vaccinated (at least 2 weeks past your final dose), you are no longer required to wear a mask or practice physical distancing in federal buildings, government vehicles, or on federal property.*
- *If you are not fully vaccinated (at least 2 weeks past your final dose), [CDC guidance](#) indicates you should continue to wear a mask and maintain physical distancing consistent with the requirements set forth in our [workplace safety plan](#).*

*This new guidance applies to our employees, on-site contractors, partners, volunteers, customers, and visitors. USDA employees who work outside of a USDA facility will receive further guidance on mask expectations from their agency's senior leadership.*

From other emails I have seen, this was the standard language sent to all Departments. We realize that this new guidance leaves us with significant questions around implementation and will require several changes to FPAC Workforce Safety Plans. The Office of the Secretary has informed us that FAQs for implementation are being developed and will be issued shortly. I would ask for your patience as we wait for more guidance and incorporate it into our procedures. Please feel free to send me any urgent questions.

Thank you,

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