



Government Affairs Action for the week of October 24, 2021

New Mask Rules and Real Estate - Keep 'em on when inside

New rules for Alameda County that allow those who have received the COVID-19 vaccine to remove their face coverings when indoors will not apply to real estate activities.

Effective November 1, the Alameda County Health Department will permit fully-vaccinated people to remove their face coverings in indoor venues including offices, fitness facilities, and religious gatherings. County staff indicated these new rules do not apply to real estate activities, including open houses, and current face covering rules are still in effect.

County staff also said they are developing a set of Frequently-Asked-Question to clarify the new [face covering rules](#).

Health departments in other Bay Area counties have or are adopting similar new face covering rules. A review of these new policies indicates real estate activities in these other counties are still subject to current face covering requirements.

More Resources to Understand Prop 19

A new law was recently passed by the California Legislature that clarifies how property owners can use Proposition 19.

According to the California Association of REALTORS® (C.A.R), Proposition 19 allows a homeowner who is over 55 years of age, severely and permanently disabled, or whose home has been substantially damaged by wildfire or natural disaster, to transfer the taxable value of their primary residence to another primary residence anywhere in California.

An updated C.A.R. Proposition 19 [Q and A](#) (log in required) covers transfers between family members and replacement of damaged or destroyed property, along with other information.

If you have any questions about Bay East advocacy activities or any government-related real estate issues you want Bay East to research, please contact [David Stark](#), Bay East Chief Public Affairs and Communications Officer.
