



## Question:

I have had my second COVID-19 vaccine shot. Can I throw away my mask and begin visiting with family and friends?



The answer is NO.

**You still need to keep you, your loved ones and everyone else safe.**

Even the best of the vaccines only offer up to 95% protection after you have had both shots. That means there is a 5% chance you can catch COVID-19.

Also, everyone is different. Some people will have a stronger immune response to rounds of the COVID-19 vaccination than others.

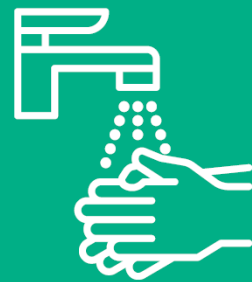
Remember that it can take **two to three weeks** after you get the second shot before your full immunity kicks in.



**WEAR** a cloth face covering.



**WAIT** at least 6 feet apart from others at all times.



**WASH** your hands often or use hand sanitizer.

Even after getting both shots, you can still catch the virus, yet show no symptoms. So, it's important **to continue to wear a face mask, wash your hands and practice social distancing in public to protect others.**

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