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Puerto Rico Lifts Mask Mandate, Removes Travel Portal Requirement for Domestic Travelers

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An aerial shot of Suan Juan, Puerto Rico. By. ERNICE GILBERT/ V.I. CONSORTIUM

Puerto Rico has taken some big steps back to normalcy as cases of Covid-19 dwindle on the island commonwealth.

Governor Pedro Pierluisi announced the end to the indoor mask mandate, which took effect Thursday, with only a few exceptions remaining including nursing homes and health facilities.

Additionally, domestic travelers (United States and its territories) will no longer have to show proof of vaccination or a negative Covid-19 test when traveling to Puerto Rico.

The governor also lifted the restrictions on capacity limits at public and private businesses, and patrons will no longer need to show proof of vaccination or a negative Covid-19 test to enter. Further, the vaccination requirement for health workers, restaurant employees, students and teachers has been lifted.

Mr. Pierluisi's moves are in line with many mainland leaders, as Covid-19 continues to recede. In the U.S. Virgin Islands, where the seven-day positivity rate stood at less than one percent as of Friday, the indoor mask mandate and other restrictions [were still in place](#).

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