Do I need to wear a mask and avoid close contact with others if I have received two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine?

Due to Governor Northam's executive order, pursuant to §§ 32.1-13, 32.1-20, and 35.1-10 of the Code of Virginia, all individuals in the Commonwealth aged five and over shall, when entering, exiting, traveling through, and spending time inside any building, cover their mouth and nose with a face covering at all times, as described and recommended by the CDC. In short, whether you have received the vaccine or not, you should wear a mask and maintain social distance. All City of Richmond employees should follow this CDC guidance:

Wear a mask over your nose and mouth;
Stay at least 6 feet away from others;
Avoid crowds;
Avoid poorly ventilated spaces; and
Wash your hands often.

It's important for all city employees, as well as the public, to continue using all the tools available to help stop this pandemic, especially as we learn more about how COVID-19 vaccines work in real-world conditions. We also do not yet know whether receiving the COVID-19 vaccine also ensures the recipient will not spread the virus to others.

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