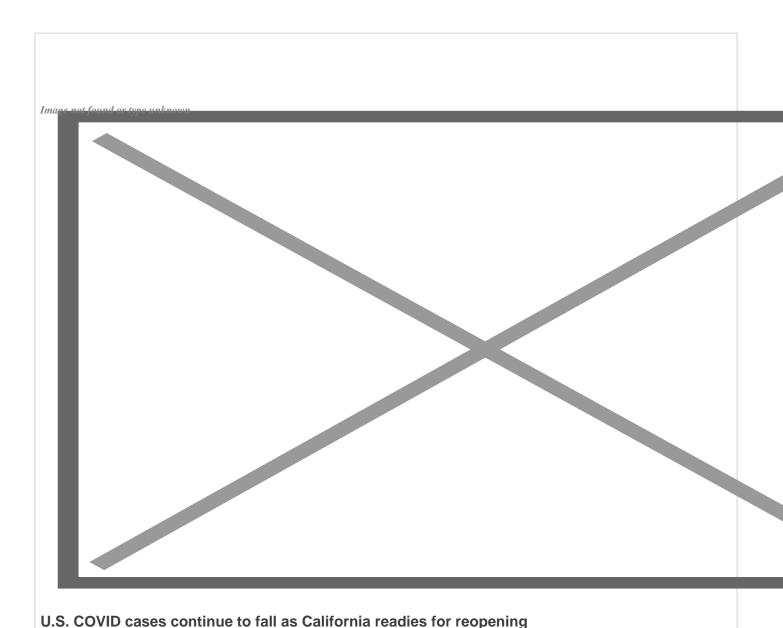
U.S. COVID cases continue to fall as California readies for reopening



San Francisco, June 14 (RHC)-- COVID cases and deaths continue to fall in the United States, with just 2% of tests coming back positive now. California is set to fully reopen tomorrow, Tuesday, after over one year of restrictions.

In related news, a study has shown Novavax's COVID-19 vaccine to be 90% effective. The Maryland-based Novavax is seeking approval from a half-dozen countries starting next month and has pledged over a billion doses to poorer nations through the COVAX mechanism. The two-shot vaccine is easily manufactured and can be stored in just a refrigerator. Vaccinated people were found to be completely protected against both severe and moderate illness.

And in other news, a U.S. federal judge has dismissed a lawsuit by Houston hospital employees who refused to comply with their employer's vaccine requirement in the first federal ruling on vaccine mandates.

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