



Los Angeles County

WHEN YOU NEED TO WEAR A MASK

Community transmission of COVID-19 has increased in LA County. The risk for COVID-19 exposure and infection will continue until more people are vaccinated. It is important for everyone* to help slow the spread of the virus by wearing masks indoors. When people wear a mask correctly, they protect others as well as themselves.

EVERYONE*, regardless of vaccination status, <u>must</u> wear a mask:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In all indoor public settings, venues, gatherings, and public and private businesses in Los Angeles County • On planes, trains, buses, ferries, taxis and ride-shares, and all other forms of public transport • In transportation hubs like airports, bus terminals, train stations, marinas, seaports or other ports, subway stations, or any other area that provides transportation. • Healthcare settings (including long-term care facilities) • State and local correctional facilities and detention centers • Shelters and cooling centers • Indoors at any youth-serving facility (such as K-12 schools, childcare, day camps, etc.) • In any outdoor location where it is the policy of the business or venue
Recommendations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is strongly recommended that you wear a mask at private indoor social gatherings with people outside your household unless everyone at the gathering is fully vaccinated. • It is <i>strongly recommended</i> that you wear a mask at large outdoor ticketed events when you are not in your seat. For example, while in line to enter, exit, use the bathroom, or buy food or drinks. • If you are not fully vaccinated, it is strongly recommended that you wear a mask in crowded outdoor settings. • If you are in a setting where you are in sustained close contact with other people who may not be fully vaccinated, consider wearing a higher level of protection, such as wearing two masks (double masking) or an N95 respirator . This is especially important if you are not fully vaccinated and are in an indoor or crowded outdoor setting.

Note: You are allowed to take off your mask while you are:

- Actively eating or drinking as long as you are sitting or standing in a specific place such as a table or counter.
- Alone in a separate room or office.
- Showering or swimming.
- Performing or receiving personal hygiene or personal care services (like a facial or shave) that cannot be done without removing your mask.

***There are some people who should not wear a mask**, such as children younger than 2, people with certain medical conditions or disabilities, and people instructed by their medical provider not to wear a mask. Children ages 2 to 8 should wear a mask only when under adult supervision. See [Who should not wear a mask](#) and [Special considerations for persons with communication difficulties or certain disabilities](#) for details and information on alternative types of face coverings.

***In the workplace**, workers must follow the most protective mask requirements as stated by Cal/OSHA and the County Health Officer Order. Certain employees may be exempt from wearing a mask in specific situations provided alternative safety measures are in place. See the [Health Officer Order](#) and [Best Practices for Businesses](#) webpage for more details.

To learn more about mask wearing, visit <http://ph.lacounty.gov/masks>.

