



# Los Angeles County

## WHEN YOU NEED TO WEAR A MASK

**3-12-22: Masks are still required in some settings and strongly recommended in others**—see the summary below and details in the [Health Officer Order](#).

Regardless of vaccination status, it is strongly recommended that people continue to wear masks that [fit and filter well](#) in all indoor public places.

<b>EVERYONE*, regardless of vaccination status, <u>MUST</u> wear a mask:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On planes, trains, buses, ferries, taxis and ride-shares, and all other forms of public transport</li> <li>• In transportation hubs like airports, bus terminals, train stations, marinas, seaports or other ports, subway stations, or any other area that provides transportation.</li> <li>• In healthcare settings</li> <li>• In long-term care settings and adult/senior care facilities</li> <li>• In state and local correctional facilities and detention centers</li> <li>• Shelters and cooling centers</li> <li>• In any other location where it is the policy of the business or venue</li> </ul>
<b>Masks are <u>STRONGLY RECOMMENDED</u> for <u>EVERYONE</u> in:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indoor public settings and businesses such as retail, restaurants, theaters, family entertainment centers, cardrooms, meetings, state and local government offices that serve the public.</li> <li>• Indoors at K-12 schools and daycare</li> </ul>
<b>Additional mask recommendations</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Masks are strongly recommended indoors or in crowded outdoor settings for people at <a href="#">high risk of severe illness</a>, or who live with someone who is at high risk. Masks that provide the <a href="#">best protection</a> against COVID-19 should be worn. Examples include a well-fitting respirator (e.g., N95, KN95) or a double mask (a well-fitting cloth mask over a medical mask).</li> <li>• Masks are strongly recommended for people who are gathering indoors with people who are at <a href="#">high risk of severe illness</a>.</li> </ul>

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

- Actively eating or drinking.
- Alone in a separate room or space.
- Showering or swimming.
- 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.

To learn more about types of masks and mask wearing rules and recommendations in LA County, visit [ph.lacounty.gov/masks](http://ph.lacounty.gov/masks).

