



# Los Angeles County WHEN YOU NEED TO WEAR A MASK

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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.

<b>EVERYONE*, regardless of vaccination status, <u>must</u> wear a mask:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In all indoor public settings, venues, gatherings, and businesses in Los Angeles County</li><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>• Healthcare settings (including long-term care facilities)</li><li>• State and local correctional facilities and detention centers</li><li>• Shelters and cooling centers</li><li>• Indoors at any youth-serving facility (such as K-12 schools, childcare, day camps, etc.)</li><li>• In any outdoor location where it is the policy of the business or venue</li></ul>
<b>Recommendations</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 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.</li><li>• If you are not fully vaccinated, it is strongly recommended that you wear a mask in crowded outdoor settings.</li><li>• 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 a respirator (e.g., N95 or KN95). This is especially important if you are not fully vaccinated and are in an indoor or crowded outdoor setting.</li></ul>

Note: You are allowed to take off your mask while doing certain activities such as when you are actively eating, drinking, or swimming.

**\*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 details of workplace requirements.

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

