



Los Angeles County WHEN YOU NEED TO WEAR A MASK

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health mask wearing requirements* and recommendations for public indoor settings are summarized below.

Please note that this summary is intended for the general public. It is not intended for workers (see page 2).

YOU MUST wear a well-fitting mask indoors:

- **If it is required by the site**, including some business, schools, and workplaces.
- **If it is required by Public Health for managing an outbreak**, including in workplaces and congregate settings.
- **If you have COVID-19 and must be around others until you end isolation.** This includes when you are at home. If you are eligible to end isolation, you must continue to wear a mask around others from Day 6 through Day 10. The exception is that if you have two negative COVID-19 tests in a row that were taken at least a day apart you do not need to wear a mask. Follow all the isolation instructions at ph.lacounty.gov/covidisolation.

NOTE: In workplace settings, workers returning to work after a COVID-19 infection must wear a well-fitting mask around others through Day 10.

It is STRONGLY RECOMMENDED that you wear a well-fitting mask indoors:

(Unless required-see *You must wear a mask* above)

- **If you are a [close contact](#) to someone with COVID-19 for 10 days from the last day that you were exposed.** This is especially important when around those at higher risk for severe COVID-19 disease. Follow all the instructions for close contacts at ph.lacounty.gov/covidcontacts.
- **If you are [at risk for severe illness](#),** especially when you are in crowded or poorly ventilated places. Wear [your most protective mask](#), such as a respirator (N95, KN95, KF94).
- **In healthcare settings,** when visiting or receiving care.
- **On all forms of public transit,** including trains, buses, shuttle buses, taxis, ride-shares, and medical transport.
- **In all transportation hubs,** including airport and bus terminals, train and subway stations, seaports or other indoor port terminals, or any other indoor area that serves as a transportation hub.

INDIVIDUAL PREFERENCE whether you wear a mask indoors:

(Unless required – see *You must wear a mask* above)

- **In state and local correctional facilities and detention centers.**
- **In homeless and emergency shelters.**
- **In any other public settings.**

No one can be prevented from wearing a mask to participate in an activity or enter a business.

*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. See [Who should not wear a mask](#) and [Special considerations for persons with communication difficulties or certain disabilities](#).





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Workers

In workplace settings, employers are required to follow the [Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Prevention – Non-Emergency Regulations](#) or, in some workplaces, [the Cal/OSHA Aerosol Transmissible Diseases \(ATD\) Standard](#). Cal/OSHA has more protective masking rules for workers in certain situations. A couple of examples include:

- Workers who are returning to work after having COVID-19 infection are required to wear a mask around others through Day 10.
- If there is an outbreak in a workplace, all exposed employees are required to wear a mask when indoors, or when outdoors and less than six feet from another person.

Review the links above for more information on the COVID-19 Prevention regulations.

In addition, per the [Los Angeles County Health Officer Order](#), workers in healthcare facilities and direct care settings are required to wear a mask when they are providing care or working in-person with patients, clients, and residents. They are also required to wear a mask in patient care areas when patients, clients, or residents are present.

