

When to wear a mask in Alameda County

Requirements and recommendations



While California is fully open, the risk of COVID-19 is still present, especially for those who are not fully vaccinated. When people wear a mask correctly, they protect others as well as themselves.

There are places where everyone 2 years of age and older* must continue to wear a mask, regardless of their vaccination status.

Note that in the workplace, workers follow Cal/OSHA mask [requirements](#) which are different than the guidance below.

Everyone, regardless of vaccination status, must wear a mask:

- On all forms of public transit, including planes, trains, buses, ferries, taxis and ride-shares
- In transportation hubs like airports, bus terminals, train stations, marinas, seaports or other ports, subway stations
- Healthcare settings
- 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.)
- Any business or government office serving the public that requires everyone to wear a mask

UNVACCINATED people must also wear a mask:

In indoor public settings and businesses, for example:

- Movie theaters
- Restaurants
- Retail spaces
- Family entertainment centers
- Mega-events
- Meetings
- Government offices serving the public

*There are some people who should not wear a mask, such as children younger than 2 and people with certain medical conditions or disabilities which you can learn more at: covid19.ca.gov/masks-and-ppe/.

FULLY VACCINATED people are strongly encouraged to wear a mask in the indoor public settings and businesses above.

To be extra safe, it is strongly recommended that you wear masks in indoor public places, regardless of your vaccination status, when you don't know everyone's vaccination status.

While fully vaccinated people are protected from getting sick from variants, they may get asymptomatic or mild infections.

While COVID-19 cases are increasing and the Delta variant is spreading, everyone is asked to wear masks to help slow the spread of the virus.

You can always choose to wear a mask if you want to, regardless of your vaccination status. And you cannot be turned away from a business or activity for wearing one.

To learn more, visit:

<http://covid-19.acgov.org/face-masks>



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