

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.

Everyone 2 years of age and older* must continue to wear a mask, regardless of their vaccination status, in indoor public settings and businesses.

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

Any indoor businesses or government offices serving the public for example:

- Movie theaters
- Restaurants
- Retail spaces
- Family entertainment centers
- Mega-events
- Meetings

*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/.

Everyone is strongly encouraged to wear a mask in outdoor crowded settings and in non-public indoor settings.

Non-public indoor settings include private residences when you are with people you do not live with.

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.

To learn more, visit:

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



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