



As California reopens and physical distancing requirements and capacity limits are lifted, the risk of COVID-19 is still present, especially for those who are not fully vaccinated against the virus. 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 have to follow Cal/OSHA mask [requirements](#) which are different than the guidance below.

If you are fully vaccinated, you are not required to wear a mask, except in places where EVERYONE is required to wear a mask. Keep your vaccine record handy as businesses can ask for proof of vaccination.

<b>EVERYONE, regardless of vaccination status, must 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>• Healthcare settings</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>• Any business or government office serving the public that requires everyone to wear a mask</li> </ul>
<b>In addition, unvaccinated people must <u>also</u> wear a mask:</b>
<p>In indoor public settings and businesses, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Movie theaters</li> <li>• Restaurants</li> <li>• Retail spaces</li> <li>• Family entertainment centers</li> <li>• Mega-events</li> <li>• Meetings</li> <li>• Government offices serving the public</li> </ul>

**Recommendation:** If you are in a setting where you are in 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.

**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 about mask wearing, visit [ph.lacounty.gov/masks](http://ph.lacounty.gov/masks).

\*There are some people who should not wear a mask, such as children younger than 2 and people with certain medical conditions or disabilities. See [Who should not wear a mask](#) and [Special considerations for persons with communication difficulties or certain disabilities](#).

