

As of March 12, 2022, masks are no longer required to be worn in many settings:

- Local health jurisdictions and individual businesses may still choose to require masking.
- Employees can wear masks if they choose to. Businesses can't punish workers who wear a mask, take time off to get vaccinated, or seek treatment for COVID-19
- Masks or respirators will continue to be required in health care settings, long-term care, and correctional facilities.
- Masks will continue to be required in all other locations when required by federal, state, county or other local law or mandate.<sup>3</sup>

**Other Resources:**

Frequently Asked Questions on mask and face coverings:

<https://doh.wa.gov/emergencies/covid-19/masks-and-face-coverings/masks-and-face-coverings-faq>

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# MASKS/FACE COVERING

## WHO DOES THIS APPLY TO? EVERYONE!



Masks remain an important tool for reducing the transmission of COVID-19, especially with the emergence of more contagious variants. The Department of Health recommends people ages five and over to wear masks in crowded indoor settings and confined spaces when [COVID-19 activity is increasing](#) in your area. When you wear a mask, you help protect others around you as well as yourself. See [Governor Proclamation 20-25.9 and DOH Mask/Face Covering Guidance During COVID-19](#) for more.

In February and early March of 2022, the Governor rescinded the requirement that face coverings be worn in most places. ([Governor's proclamation](#))

*“Although masks are not required in most workplaces per the Governor’s proclamation, private businesses can still require masks if they choose.”<sup>1</sup>*

The Secretary of Health and the Department of Health outline state Face Covering requirements in [Proclamation 20-03.8](#).

Per the Department of Health, *“... some employees who themselves have certain health risks or who live with people at risk for severe COVID-19 may still need to, or choose to, wear masks; workers have the right to wear a mask in order to protect themselves, their families and their communities.”<sup>2</sup>*

*“People exempt from Face Covering Requirement include children and people with medical conditions, mental health conditions, developmental or cognitive condition, or disability that prevents wearing a face covering are exempt from the requirement to wear a face covering.”<sup>3</sup>*



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1. <https://doh.wa.gov/emergencies/covid-19/masks-and-face-coverings#:~:text=However%2C%20masks%20remain%20an%20important,indoor%20settings%20and%20confined%20spaces>.
2. L&I Requirements and Guidance for Preventing COVID-19:  
<https://lni.wa.gov/agency/outreach/coronavirus/requirements-and-guidance-for-preventing-covid-19>
3. <https://doh.wa.gov/emergencies/covid-19/masks-and-face-coverings>