King County Indoor Masking Directive

All King County residents, fully vaccinated or not, are strongly encouraged to continue wearing masks in indoor public areas.

All King County residents age five years and older are strongly encouraged to wear a mask in all indoor public areas.

For anyone who is not fully vaccinated, the State Department of Health Order also remains in effect: People who are not fully vaccinated are required “to wear a face covering in any indoor public setting, or when outdoors and unable to maintain six feet of physical distance from others.”

King County’s Local Health Officer Directive urges residents to wear face coverings in all indoor spaces that are open to the public. Examples include:

- Retail and grocery stores
- Restaurants
- Government buildings
- Offices and other places of employment that are open to the public

Businesses that are open to the public are strongly encouraged to continue ensuring their customers and employees wear face masks.

Everyone should also follow a state Health Order to wear a well-fitted mask in:

- Correctional facilities
- Homeless shelters
- Schools and childcare settings
- Public transportation
- Health care settings such as doctor’s offices, long-term care, and hospitals

The Directive will remain in effect until 70% or more of adults 16 years of age and older are fully vaccinated in King County.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Washington State Department of Health have clarified that ending indoor mask mandates should be linked to local COVID-19 rates and vaccination coverage rates.

If you have questions about COVID-19, please call the King County COVID-19 Call Center from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at 206-477-3977. Language assistance is available.

Link/share our site at www.kingcounty.gov/masks

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