When Do You Need Your Mask in California?

Masks are Currently Required for EVERYONE in Indoor Public Places

Due to rising COVID-19 rates and hospitalizations, California currently requires EVERYONE to wear a mask in indoor public places (such as grocery stores and movie theaters) regardless of vaccination status.

Masks are also still required for public transit (airports, planes, trains, buses and stations) and health care settings.

Some Exemptions Apply

Children under age 2 and people with certain medical conditions are not required to wear a mask, and some exceptions apply in certain settings. Visit cdph.ca.gov to learn more.

Upgrade Your Mask

Choose a mask with good fit and good filtration.

A well-fitted mask has no gaps between the face and mask. Good filtration blocks virus particles from getting through the mask itself. N95 and KN95 masks are best. Also, double masking is an effective way to improve fit and filtration. A close-fitting cloth mask can be worn on top of a surgical/disposable mask to improve fit and filtration.

Read our Q&A & our Get the Most Out of Masking.