



COVID-19 Prevention in Public Settings

In Los Angeles County, because of the continuing spread of COVID-19, there are rules that must be followed in public settings to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission. The rules outlined below are mandated by the LA County [Health Officer Order](#) and the City of Los Angeles [Vaccine Verification Ordinance](#). On November 8, 2021, the City of Los Angeles launched [SafePassLA](#), which requires proof of a full COVID-19 vaccination at various indoor and outdoor businesses, venues, and events in the City of Los Angeles. Note that establishments and event organizers can make their own rules in addition to the Public Health and city requirements. Check with the business, event organizer, or venue about their rules before buying a ticket or visiting.

Summary of Masking, Testing, and Vaccination Requirements and Recommendations for Customers/Guests in Public Settings: LA County and City of LA

Setting	Type of Establishment, Venue, or Event	Masks ¹	Proof of full vaccination against COVID-19 or a recent negative test required? ²
Indoor	Venues or Events³ (Under 1,000 attendees)	Required	City of LA: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required: Proof of full vaccination Required: Photo ID for everyone 18+ LA County: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vaccination or testing may be required by the venue.⁶
	Mega Events⁴ (1,000 or more attendees)	Required	LA County: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required: Proof of full vaccination or a negative test
	Bars, Breweries, Wineries, Distilleries, Nightclubs, and Lounges⁵	Required, except when actively eating or drinking	LA County: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required: Proof of full vaccination for everyone age 12+
	Restaurants, Coffee Shops, Cafeterias, Fast Food Establishments, Banquet Halls⁵	Required, except when actively eating or drinking	City of LA: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required: Proof of full vaccination Required: Photo ID for everyone 18+ LA County: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strongly recommended for indoor service.⁶
	Gyms and Fitness Venues	Required	City of LA: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required: Proof of full vaccination Required: Photo ID for everyone 18+
	Personal Care Establishments	Required	City of LA: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required: Proof of full vaccination Required: Photo ID for everyone 18+



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Outdoor	Venues or Events³ (Under 5,000 attendees)	Recommended	LA County: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strongly recommended.⁶
	Venues or Events³ (5,000 to 9,999 attendees)	Recommended	City of LA: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required: Proof of full vaccination Required: Photo ID for everyone 18+
	Mega Events³ (10,000 or more attendees)	Required	LA County: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required: Proof of full vaccination or a negative test for everyone age 12+ Required: Photo ID for everyone 18+

¹ For details and exceptions, see *Mask requirements* below.

² For details, see "*How to prove that you have been vaccinated*" and "*How to meet the testing requirements*" below.

³ Venues or events includes entertainment and recreation venues, such as shopping centers, movie theaters, family entertainment centers, live performance venues including performing arts theaters, music and concert venues, sports arenas, convention centers, museums, and exhibition halls.

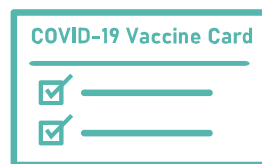
⁴ Mega events are events with large crowds like conventions, conferences, expos, concerts, shows, nightclubs, sporting events, live events and entertainment, fairs, festivals, parades, theme parks, amusement parks, water parks, live private events or gatherings, marathons or endurance races, and car shows. Indoor Mega Events have 1,000 or more attendees. Outdoor Mega Events have 10,000 or more attendees.

⁵ If you are not vaccinated, you can use the outdoor areas. You can go inside to get to the outdoor area, use the restroom, order, pick up or pay for food and drink to go as long as you wear a mask.

⁶ Public Health strongly recommends that proof of vaccination and/or negative testing be required by the establishment, venue or event.

How to prove that you have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19

To prove that you have been vaccinated against COVID-19, you can show your COVID-19 vaccination record card, a photocopy of your card, or a photo of the card stored on a cell phone or electronic device (such as a tablet). You can also show your digital vaccination record of your COVID-19 vaccination. In some venues you must also show a photo ID.



Visit the Public Health [COVID-19 vaccination records webpage](#) to learn about the different types of vaccination records. You can get a free digital vaccination record at myvaccinerecord.cdph.ca.gov.

You are considered fully vaccinated against COVID-19 two weeks after:

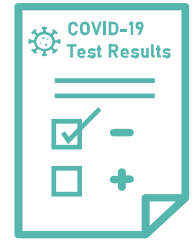
- You got a single dose of the Johnson & Johnson (J&J)/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine, or
- You got a second dose of a Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, or
- You finished the series of a COVID-19 vaccine that has been [listed for emergency use](#) by the World Health Organization (WHO).

See the [When You Are Fully Vaccinated](#) webpage for more information. Click on "Community Resources" on the [VaccinateLACounty.com](https://www.vaccinateLACounty.com) webpage.

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How to meet the negative COVID-19 diagnostic testing requirement

To meet the testing requirement, you must show a photo ID and the result of your COVID-19 viral test that was taken within 72 hours before you enter the establishment or event.



- The test result must be negative.
- The result must be a printed document from the test provider or laboratory, or an email or text message from the test provider or laboratory displayed on a phone.
- The test must be a viral test (swab or spit test) such as a NAAT/PCR or antigen test. Antibody or serology (blood tests) are not acceptable.

Mask requirements

Everyone is required to wear a mask in all indoor public settings, venues, gatherings, and public and private businesses in Los Angeles County. Masks are also required while using public transport, in transportation hubs, outdoors at Mega Events, and at any other business if that is the policy of the venue.



- **You are allowed to take off your mask while you are:**
 - Actively eating or drinking if you are sitting or standing in a specific place such as a table, counter, or ticketed seat. (You must wear a mask when you are waiting to be served, between courses or drinks, and while seated after finishing your food or drink).
 - Alone in a separate room/space.
 - Showering or swimming.
 - Receiving a personal hygiene or personal care service (like a facial or shave) that cannot be done without removing your mask.

There are some people who should not wear a mask, such as children younger than 2, people with certain medical conditions or disabilities, and people who have been told by their doctor not to wear one. Children ages 2 to 8 should wear a mask only when under adult supervision. To learn more about mask wearing visit ph.lacounty.gov/masks.

Take extra steps to protect yourself

- **Wear a mask in crowded outdoor spaces when physical distancing is not possible.**
 - This includes while waiting in line, for example, while waiting to enter, exit, use the bathroom, or buy food or drinks. *This is strongly recommended.*
- **Wear a double mask or respirator if you are near other people who may not be fully vaccinated.**
 - "[Double masking](#)" (wearing a cloth mask over a surgical mask) or wearing an N95 respirator offers a higher level of protection than wearing a cloth mask. *This is especially important if you are not fully vaccinated or are immunocompromised and are in an indoor or crowded outdoor setting.*
- **Maintain physical distancing.**
 - Avoid crowds and stay at least 2 arms lengths away from others (about 6 feet) if possible.
 - Keep small children close to you so that they are away from others.
- **Wash your hands often.**
 - Wash with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
 - Avoid touching your face and eating with unclean hands.
- **Choose outdoor activities with better air flow.**
 - Opt for outdoor seating when dining out. Exercise outdoors when possible. If outdoors is not possible,

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choose indoor spaces with good air flow.

To learn more about how to reduce your risk and slow the spread of COVID-19 including which situations are riskier, visit ph.lacounty.gov/reducerisk.

Getting vaccinated is the best way to protect against COVID-19.

COVID-19 vaccines are free and available to everyone age 5 years and over throughout LA County, regardless of immigration status.

No appointment is needed at many locations.

In-home vaccination is also available for people who are homebound.

Visit VaccinateLACounty.com and click on "[How To Get Vaccinated](#)" to find a location near you,
or

Call the **Public Health Vaccine Call Center** at **833-540-0473**, open daily 8:00 am to 8:30 pm.