COVID-19 Prevention in Public Settings

There continues to be a significant risk of COVID-19 transmission in Los Angeles County. Residents are asked to get vaccinated and boosted when eligible and are encouraged to wear a mask in indoor public places. This is to protect themselves and others, especially those who are at high risk of becoming seriously ill if they get COVID-19. To see what the current LA County community COVID-19 level is click here.

To learn more about how to reduce your risk, visit ph.lacounty.gov/reducerisk.

Mask requirements and recommendations

Everyone* 2 years of age and older is required to wear a mask in these locations:
- On all forms of public transportation in LA County. This includes trains, buses, taxis and ride-shares.
- In all indoor transportation hubs in LA County, including airport and bus terminals, train and subway stations, seaports or other indoor port terminals, or any other indoor area that serves as a transportation hub.
- In healthcare settings
- In long-term care settings and adult/senior care facilities
- In state and local correctional facilities and detention centers
- Shelters and cooling centers
- In any other location where it is the policy of the business or venue

Masks are strongly recommended in many other situations – for details, see the Mask Wearing Rules and Recommendations webpage. Masks that fit and filter well should be worn.

*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 instructed by their medical provider not to wear a mask. Children ages 2 to 8 should wear a mask only when under adult supervision. See Who should not wear a mask and Special considerations for persons with communication difficulties or certain disabilities.

No one can be prevented from wearing a mask to enter a business or participate in an activity.
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**Pre-entry proof of vaccination or negative test**

Some venues, events, and health care settings may require visitors and customers to show proof of vaccination or a negative test. Check their rules before buying a ticket or visiting.

**Proof of vaccination**

To prove that you have been fully vaccinated\(^1\) against COVID-19 most venues are likely to accept a digital vaccination record, vaccination record card, a photocopy of your card, or a photo of your card on a phone. Some venues may also require a photo ID. Check the specific requirements of the venue.

Visit the Public Health [COVID-19 vaccination records web page](https://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/covid/) to learn about the different types of vaccination records. You can get a free digital vaccination record at [myvaccinerecord.cdph.ca.gov](https://myvaccinerecord.cdph.ca.gov).

**Proof of a recent negative COVID-19 test**

To prove that you had a recent negative test, venues may ask for a photo ID and a negative COVID-19 viral test result. The test may have to be taken within a certain time limit – for example 2 days (if PCR/NAAT) or 1 day (if antigen) before you enter the establishment or event. Check the specific requirements of the venue.

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

COVID-19 vaccines are free and available to everyone ages 6 months 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](https://www.vaccinatelacounty.com) and click on “Click here 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.

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\(^1\) You are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after receiving all the recommended primary series dose

- You got a single dose of Johnson & Johnson (J&J)/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine, or
- You got your final dose of a Pfizer (COMIRNATY), Moderna (SPIKEVAX), or Novavax COVID-19 vaccine primary series, or
- You got all the recommended doses of active COVID-19 vaccine (not placebo) with confirmed efficacy in a clinical trial.

If you were vaccinated outside the US or with mix-and-match vaccines, see the [Vaccine FAQs: Fully Vaccinated and Up to Date section](https://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/covid-19/vaccines-faqs).

See the LAC DPH COVID-19 Vaccine Schedule webpage at [ph.lacounty.gov/covidvaccineschedules](http://ph.lacounty.gov/covidvaccineschedules) for information on all recommended primary and booster doses.