



COVID-19 Prevention in Public Settings

In Los Angeles County, most places are open with no physical distancing or capacity limits. Because of the continuing spread of COVID-19, there are rules that must be followed in public settings. For example, everyone must wear a mask when they are indoors and at outdoor Mega Events. In some venues, visitors must show that they are fully vaccinated or that they have had a negative test in the last 3 days. Venues can also choose to set rules of their own on top of Public Health requirements. Check with the business, event, or venue before buying a ticket or visiting. The rules outlined in this document are mandated by the Los Angeles County [Health Officer Order](#).

Summary of Mask, Testing, and Vaccination Requirements and Recommendations for Customers/Guests in Public Settings

Type of Location	Masks ¹	COVID-19 Vaccination or Testing ²
Indoor Settings/Events (under 1,000 people)	Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strongly recommended by Public Health. The venue may choose to require vaccination or testing.
Indoor Mega Events³ (1,000+ attendees)	Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required to show proof: fully vaccinated or recent negative test
Outdoor Events (under 10,000 attendees)	Recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strongly recommended by Public Health. The venue may choose to require vaccination or testing.
Outdoor Mega Events³ (10,000+ attendees)	Required	<p>If tickets are required or if there are controlled entrances-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Everyone age 12+ required to show proof: fully vaccinated or recent negative test. <i>Beginning November 1, 2021:</i> everyone age 18+ required to also show photo ID.
Indoors at Bars, Breweries, Wineries, Distilleries, Nightclubs, and Lounges⁴	Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Everyone age 12+ must show proof: received at least one dose of vaccine. <i>Beginning November 4, 2021,</i> everyone age 12+ must show proof: fully vaccinated.
Indoors at Restaurants	Required except when actively eating or drinking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strongly recommended by Public Health. The business may choose to require vaccination or testing for indoor service.

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 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.

⁴ 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.



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How to prove that you have been fully vaccinated

To prove that you have been vaccinated you can show your 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. In some venues you must also show 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 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 [fully vaccinated](#) web page for more information.

How to meet the testing requirement

To meet the testing requirement, you must show a photo ID and the result of a COVID-19 test that was taken within 72 hours of the start of the 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.



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Take extra steps to protect yourself

- **Wear a mask in crowded outdoor spaces.**
 - 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.*
- **Double mask or wear a 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 indoors in a public place or in a 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 eating and touching your face 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, 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.

Vaccines are free and available to everyone age 12 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.

