1. What are the Interim Indoor Masking Policy Options? And when can they go into effect?

The Interim Indoor Masking Policy Options are options that enable establishments, businesses, and venues that verify vaccination status or a negative test result from customers and workers to lift the indoor masking requirement for some or all fully vaccinated individuals. The new policy options are part of the revised County Health Officer Order, which takes effect on 2/25/2022.

Businesses have the choice of pursuing either of the two options to implement the policy or of continuing with existing County indoor masking requirements, regardless of vaccination status. Option 1, which can apply to both customers and workers, requires verification of vaccination status or a negative test result from 100% of customers and onsite workers. Businesses that pursue this option may allow all customers and workers to unmask indoors if they are fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Businesses that choose Option 2 must verify the vaccination status or a negative test result from 100% of customers. Under this option, all workers must continue to mask indoors, but customers may remove masks if they are fully vaccinated.

The table below summarizes the options, and the steps businesses must take to be able to lift the indoor mask requirement for fully vaccinated people.

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*Or business is unable to verify that they are fully vaccinated.
2. What is the difference between Option 1 and Option 2?

Under Option #1, a business must verify the vaccination status or a negative test result for 100% of their customers and workers. This enables them to lift the indoor mask requirement for everyone at the business who is fully vaccinated, including customers and workers.

Under Option #2, the business must verify the vaccination status or a negative test result for 100% of their customers only. This enables the business to lift the indoor mask requirement for fully vaccinated customers only; workers must continue to wear masks when indoors.

Regardless of the option that is chosen, people who are not fully vaccinated or who do not show proof of being fully vaccinated must wear a face mask when indoors, even if they have provided a negative test result.

3. Can any establishment, business, or venue take advantage of the Interim Indoor Masking Policy?

No. Certain establishments, businesses and venues must continue to require masking indoors due to state and federal rules. Masks must be worn by everyone, 2 years of age and older, regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status, in the following settings:

1. On public transit (examples: airplanes, ships, ferries, trains, subways, buses, taxis, and ride-shares);
2. In transportation hubs (examples: airport, bus terminal, marina, train station, seaport or other port, subway station, or any other area that provides transportation);
3. Indoors in K-12 schools, childcare, and other youth settings (See, Appendix T1 for K-12 School masking requirements);
4. Healthcare settings (including long term care facilities);
5. State and local correctional facilities and detention centers; and
6. Homeless shelters, emergency shelters, and cooling centers.

In addition, all indoor public settings, venues, gatherings, and public and private businesses that elect not to meet the criteria for Option #1 or Option #2 must continue to enforce the indoor masking policy. (Some examples include: offices, manufacturing, warehouses, retail, food and beverage services, theaters, family entertainment centers, meetings, and state and local government offices serving the public, and Indoor Mega Events, among others).

4. Do customers need to show proof of vaccination or a negative test to use the outdoor areas?

No. With the exception of Outdoor Mega Events (events with 10,000 or more attendees), patrons may receive services or participate in activities in the outdoor portions of the business without being screened for vaccination status or having had a recent negative test.
顾客在座位上、接受服务或参加室内活动时，必须出示其COVID-19疫苗接种状态证明或最近的核酸检测结果，如规定所述，以进入室内部分的业务。

5. Do customers need to show proof to pick up food or use an indoor bathroom?

不需要。顾客不需要出示疫苗接种证明即可进入室内部分到达室外区域，使用室内洗手间或订购、取走或支付食物或饮料。如果他们在点餐或取走食物或饮料时，必须在他们的订单准备好时再等待并在室外。

6. Do delivery or repair workers need to show proof to go indoors?

不需要。个人不需要出示疫苗接种证明即可去室内作为其工作的一部分来送货或取货、提供服务或维修，或为了紧急或监管目的，或去室外部分或使用室内洗手间。他们必须在室内时佩戴合适口罩。

7. How do businesses verify vaccination status?

经营者需要核对照片身份证件和疫苗接种或最新COVID-19检测结果证明，适用于18岁及以上与会者。商家必须检查两件事情来验证顾客或工人的疫苗接种状态：

- 核对身份证件上的姓名，并且如果是18岁以上，则需核对出生日期，接种证明上的信息与接种者（如果18岁以上）的身份证件相匹配。
- 核对COVID-19疫苗接种证明中的接种类型和日期。
  - 如果是强生（J&J），则验证单次接种，且至少在今天之前14天。
  - 如果是辉瑞或莫德纳，则验证两次接种，且最近的日期至少在今天之前14天。

有多种疫苗接种记录是可接受的证明：

- 接种卡或健康记录
  - 美国疾病控制和预防中心（CDC）COVID-19接种卡
  - 世界卫生组织（WHO）疫苗接种卡
  - 从提供COVID-19疫苗的医疗保健提供者或实体所发出的接种证明
  - 加州免疫登记处（CAIR2）接种记录

- 数字接种记录
  - 由加州公共卫生部门发出，或
  - 由认证公司如Healthvana或Carbon Health

见：洛杉矶县视觉指南 Verifying Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination for images and more detailed information.
8. How do businesses verify negative COVID-19 test results?

Businesses should take the following steps to confirm an attendee’s negative COVID-19 (diagnostic) test results before they enter the facility:

☑ Confirm the person’s name and, if listed, birthdate on the test result matches their photo ID (if 18+), AND the documentation of the COVID-19 (diagnostic) test result must show that:
  - The test result is negative, AND
  - The type of test is COVID-19 or SARS-CoV-2 antigen (Ag) or PCR/NAAT, AND
  - The test was taken within the last 2 days (if PCR/NAAT) or 1 day (if antigen), AND
  - The result is from a laboratory or healthcare or test provider or patient platform for the healthcare provider (e.g., Healthvana).

See: LA County Visual Guidance Verifying Proof of a Negative COVID-19 Test for images and more detailed information.

9. Are there resources to help me train my workers and get my business ready to verify vaccination status and test results?

Yes, there are several resources available on the LA County Department of Public Health website in the Toolkit, including step-by-step instructions for verifying a person’s vaccination status or negative test result. You will also find signage that you can post at all entries and within your business so customers know that your business is participating in the program and what’s required.

For training workers, see the COVID-19 Safety Compliance Certificate Program. Module 1 offers training for businesses that are required to verify vaccination or test results. Module 2 offers training for workers who work for businesses that are voluntarily complying with the Vaccination Verification aspects of the County Health Officer Order.

10. If a customer’s vaccination status has been verified on a previous visit, do we need to check it again?

Yes, vaccination status must be verified each time a patron enters.

11. Where can I get signs to tell my customers that vaccine and test verification is legally required?

DPH signage can be found in the Toolkit and on the Best Practices to Prevent COVID-19, Guidance for Businesses and Employers pages.
Masking

12. Can everyone remove masks indoors if our business verifies vaccination or test status for all customers and workers?

No. Regardless of the option chosen by the business, persons who are not fully vaccinated or who do not provide their proof of full vaccination must continue to wear masks indoors, per State regulations.

13. What are the masking requirements for workers?

Under Option #1, all workers may remove their masks while working indoors if they show proof that they are fully vaccinated. However, employers must continue to offer respirators (e.g., N95, KN95, KF94) for voluntary use to all onsite workers at no cost. Per Cal/OSHA rules, employers may not retaliate against workers who wish to continue to wear masks. Under Option #2, all workers must continue to wear well-fitting masks when indoors regardless of vaccination status.

Enforcement

14. What steps do I need to take to ensure that my business is in compliance with the Health Officer Order?

County health inspectors will be visiting and observing the operations of these facilities during normal business hours. Businesses that choose to implement one of the options to lift the indoor masking requirement for those who are fully vaccinated must:

1. Demonstrate consistent pre-entry verification of COVID-19 vaccination status and of negative COVID-19 viral test results for customers, guests, and, if applicable, workers.
2. Maintain a log of fully vaccinated workers and contractors, including the dates of vaccination status verification.
3. Maintain a log of unvaccinated or partially vaccinated workers and contractors who are required to show proof of a negative test. The log must include dates of verification of each negative test result for each person.
4. Have a supply of well-fitting respirators to offer workers
5. Have easily visible and easy to understand signage at each entry notifying the public of the verification and masking requirements

15. Will workers need to keep a customer’s record of vaccine or negative test status or a record of the verification process?

No. By allowing each patron to be seated, receive services, or participate in activities at the facility, the facility owner/management is attesting that the facility has appropriately verified each customer’s vaccination or negative test status prior to entry. The business will be subject to any penalties for noncompliance if it is found that it did not adhere to the proper vaccine or test verification processes.
Workers and Hired, Temporary Performers

16. Who is included as an “worker”? Will performers be required, even if they aren't employed by the bar/lounge/nightclub to provide proof of vaccination or a recent negative test?

Workers encompass all personnel who are regularly on-site in the facility. This includes front of house, back of house, part-time, full-time, seasonal workers, and performers. These individuals must comply with the vaccination or testing requirements for workers as described in the Health Officer Order.

Many businesses may have “independent contractors” working on-site, but do not consider them to be workers. However, the California State Labor Code considers some independent contractors to be workers. Check the California Department of Industrial Relations’ Independent Contractor versus Worker webpage.

Professional performers may remove their mask when they are performing a task that cannot feasibly be performed while wearing a mask. This exception is limited to the period of time in which such tasks are actually being performed. Masks should be worn during indoor rehearsals as much as possible, or rehearsals should be moved outdoors. See Special Considerations for Professional Performers provides more detail on rules that apply to professional performers.

17. How can I help my workers to get vaccinated?

For workers who are seeking more information or who are hesitant to get vaccinated, engage them in conversation about their concerns and help them find trusted, factual information about the COVID-19 vaccines. You may refer them to VaccinateLACounty.com for more information and to find a vaccination site that fits their schedule. The vaccines are free and appointments are not necessary at many locations. Information on each vaccination site can be found on the website listed above.

COVID-19 vaccines are also widely available in large retail pharmacies, local pharmacies, and your regular health care provider. Consider offering paid time off for workers to get vaccinated and, if needed, to recover from any vaccine side effects, which typically occur in the first 2 days after getting the vaccine. Consider holding a vaccination day on-site for your workers. Visit our vaccine partner site to find a list of vaccine providers that will bring a mobile vaccination clinic to you.

18. What about my workers that are not fully vaccinated?

Workers that are not fully vaccinated must wear a well-fitting face mask at all times regardless of the option chosen by the employer. If the business chooses Option #1, the worker must have a negative test every three days. The cost of tests must be borne entirely by the employer, not the worker.