

When to wear a mask during COVID-19

Because the Delta variant is shown to spread more easily, it is important to wear a mask in certain situations to protect yourself and your community.

For everyone, even if you are vaccinated:

Both fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people should wear a mask in the following situations:

- Indoor businesses and public settings and crowded outdoor settings, in areas with substantial or high transmission. This includes wearing a mask at mosques, churches and cultural malls.
- If you have a weaker immune system, or are at an increased risk for severe disease from COVID- 19, consider wearing a mask.
- If you live or frequently interact with someone who has a weaker immune system, is not fully vaccinated, or at an increased risk for severe disease from COVID-19, consider wearing a mask in indoor public or crowded outdoor settings.
- In settings where COVID-19 can easily spread, or where people can get very sick from COVID-19, such as schools, health care settings, homeless shelters, and correctional facilities.

For people who are not vaccinated:

Anyone who is not fully vaccinated, including children ages 2 and older, should continue to wear well-fitted facemasks in the following settings:

- Indoor businesses and public settings
- Around people from other households
- Outdoors when social distancing cannot be maintained

In certain circumstances, the use of masks may not be reasonable, and safe alternative accommodations should be considered.