



STATE OF OREGON
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Oregon Indoor Mask Requirement, effective Friday, August 13

- Goal of indoor mask requirement is to limit the spread of the Delta variant as much as possible indoors, where COVID-19 spreads more easily. The requirement works in combination with efforts to encourage more Oregonians to become fully vaccinated.
- The emphasis of indoor mask requirement is on personal responsibility—we are asking Oregonians to make a commitment to protect those around you by wearing a mask. We are also asking Oregonians to be kind and considerate of others and to treat store employees and others with respect: they are asking you to wear a mask to save lives.
- Applies to adults and children older than 5. On public transit, also includes children older than 2. This aligns with Multnomah County mask requirements.
- Applies broadly to people in all indoor public spaces. (Masks are still strongly encouraged in crowded outdoor situations.)
- Common sense exemptions apply for activities that would be impractical or impossible wearing a mask, for example: eating and drinking; swimming and organized, competitive sports; performances involving singing or speaking in public.
 - In these cases, OHA recommends strongly that participants be fully vaccinated if eligible.
 - Similar to exemptions in recently-adopted mask requirements in Nevada, Louisiana, and Washington, DC.
- Oregon OSHA will have a role in enforcement for employers and employees, with an education-first approach: OSHA will work with employers who are making an effort to comply and won't conduct inspections or issue fines immediately as businesses implement masking protocols, including the necessary signage.