

**CITY OF PASADENA HEALTH OFFICER ORDER
FOR THE CONTROL OF COVID-19**

**REVISED ORDER FOR WEARING OF FACE MASKS IN PUBLIC SETTINGS FOR
UNVACCINATED INDIVIDUALS, TO ALIGN WITH THE STATE OF
CALIFORNIA HEALTH OFFICER ORDERS**

**THIS ORDER AMENDS AND SUPERSEDES
HEALTH OFFICER ORDER ISSUED JULY 21, 2021**

This Order Revised: February 24, 2022

UPDATES IN THIS ORDER HIGHLIGHTED IN YELLOW:

Effective February 26, 2022

- Universal masking (regardless of vaccination status) shall remain required in only specified settings.
- Only individuals who are not fully vaccinated are required to mask in all indoor public settings. Fully vaccinated individuals are recommended to continue indoor masking when the risk may be high.

These Revisions to the Order are in effect as of February 26, 2022, 12:01 AM until rescinded in writing by the Health Officer.

Please read this Order carefully. Violation of or failure to comply with this Order is a crime punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both. (California Health and Safety Code §120295.)

SUMMARY OF THE ORDER: Because of steady improvement in COVID-19 metrics, a high local vaccination rate, and anticipated adjustments to CDC guidance, this revised health order, effective February 26, 2022 will give fully vaccinated people the option to either wear or remove masks in many indoor settings in alignment with the State Health Officer Order [California Department of Public Health \(CDPH\) Face Covering Guidance](#).

Since June 15, 2021 when most restrictions from the State of California's Blueprint for a Safer Economy were lifted, the average daily incident case rate of COVID-19 in the City of Pasadena has far surpassed the threshold for the "High Transmission" level of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Indicators for [Levels of Community Transmission](#). The testing positivity rate in Pasadena has also risen to the "High Transmission" level. In Los Angeles County where a large proportion of the people who work, visit, or patronize businesses in Pasadena reside, the rate of COVID-19 cases has increased to the "High Transmission" level, contributing to risk of transmission in this City. Hospitalizations due to COVID-19 both locally and throughout Los Angeles County have

significantly increased.

The significantly more transmissible World Health Organization-designated Variant of Concern of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, Omicron, accounts for more than 99% of sequenced virus in the United States at this time, and the dramatic surge in COVID-19 cases over the past 2 months was largely driven by the Omicron variant, proving to be at least three times more transmissible than Delta. The COVID-19 vaccines currently authorized in the U.S. have been shown to be highly safe and effective at providing protection against severe outcomes to individuals and communities, and are recommended by the CDC for all populations for whom the vaccine is authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, including booster doses.

At this time, case rates and hospitalizations for COVID-19 have consistently and sharply declined since mid-January, the local vaccination rate is high, and CDC leadership has publicly stated that it is formulating adjustments to its guidance on masking taking into account a variety of metrics including COVID-19 case rates and hospitalizations. The CA Health Officer lifted the [statewide Order requiring fully vaccinated people to mask while indoors](#) in public spaces as of February 16, 2022, thereby allowing local jurisdictions to maintain or remove local mandates.

This Order directs all individuals who are not fully vaccinated to wear face masks when indoors in public settings, with limited exemptions, and requires businesses to make face masks available to individuals entering the business.

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 120175 et seq., AND THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 8.04.010, THE CITY OF PASADENA HEALTH OFFICER ORDERS:

1. This Order directs that, consistent with the [State Health Officer Order](#), face masks shall be worn by individuals who are not [fully vaccinated](#) in all indoor public settings, venues, gatherings, and businesses, such as, but not limited to: offices, retail, restaurants and bars, theaters, family entertainment centers, conference centers, and state and local government offices serving the public. It is recommended that fully vaccinated individuals continue indoor masking when the risk may be high.
2. Individuals, businesses, venue operators or hosts of public indoor settings must:
 - Require [unvaccinated](#) patrons to wear face masks for all indoor settings;
 - Make face masks available to patrons;
 - Post clearly visible and easy-to-read signage at all entry points for indoor and outdoor settings to communicate the masking requirements [for unvaccinated people](#).
3. **Fully Vaccinated Definition:** See current CDPH guidance for [Fully Vaccinated Persons](#) for definitions, acceptable vaccines, and updates on additional vaccines as

they are approved. For verification methods see section titled Options for Providing Proof of Vaccination in the CDPH [Vaccine Record Guidelines & Standards](#) and the [PPHD Guidance for Verifying Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination](#). Individuals 18 years old or older must provide a photo identification with their vaccine document.

4. Businesses, worksites, venue operators or hosts must follow [CDPH guidance](#) that provides options for reducing COVID-19 transmission risk by ensuring compliance with this order including:
 - Require all patrons to wear masks; OR
 - Implement [vaccine verification](#) to determine whether people are required to wear a mask; OR
 - Provide information to all patrons, guests and attendees regarding vaccination requirements and allow vaccinated people to self-attest that they are in compliance prior to entry.
5. As of the effective date of this Revised Order, the State's Health Order and federal regulations continue to require masks, regardless of vaccination status, in the following indoor settings:
 - a. On public transit (examples: airplanes, ships, ferries, trains, subways, buses, taxis, and ride-shares) and in transportation hubs (examples: airport, bus terminal, marina, train station, seaport or other port, subway station or any other area that provides transportation)
 - b. Indoors in K-12 schools and at childcare centers
 - c. Emergency shelters and cooling and heating centers
 - d. Healthcare settings
 - e. State and local correctional facilities and detention centers
 - f. Homeless shelters
 - g. Long term care settings and adult and senior care facilities
6. Exemptions from face mask requirements – Individuals are not required to wear face masks in the following circumstances:
 - Persons who are working alone in a closed office or room;
 - Persons who are actively eating and/or drinking;
 - Persons swimming or showering in a fitness facility;
 - Persons who are obtaining a medical or cosmetic service involving the nose or face for which temporary removal of the face mask is necessary to perform the service;
 - In workplaces, employees performing specific tasks which 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. Workers who cannot feasibly wear a mask while performing their work must be tested for COVID-19 at least twice per week [if they are unvaccinated or not fully vaccinated and are eligible for a dose](#), unless the employer is provided proof of the

employee's full vaccination against COVID-19 or proof of recovery from laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 within the past 90 days; or

- Persons who are specifically exempted from wearing face masks pursuant to other CDPH guidance.
7. Employers and businesses subject to the Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Prevention Emergency Temporary Standards (ETS) and/or the Cal/OSHA Aerosol Transmissible Diseases Standards should consult the applicable regulations for additional requirements. At this time, Cal-OSHA requires employers to provide employees who are not fully vaccinated with face coverings and to ensure they are properly worn over the nose and mouth when indoors and in vehicles. Employers must ensure employee compliance with the State and local orders for unvaccinated employees to wear a mask while indoors in public settings.
 8. Unvaccinated as well as fully vaccinated people should continue to follow CDC guidance for [unvaccinated people](#) and for [fully vaccinated people](#) to protect themselves and others, including wearing a well-fitted [mask](#), [physical distancing](#) (at least 6 feet), avoiding crowds, avoiding poorly ventilated spaces, covering coughs and sneezes, [washing hands](#) often, and following any applicable workplace, school, or business sector guidance or requirements including the [Cal/OSHA Emergency Temporary Standards](#). Fully vaccinated people should still watch for [symptoms](#) of COVID-19, especially following an exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19. If symptoms develop, all people – regardless of vaccination status – should isolate and be clinically evaluated for COVID-19, including SARS-CoV-2 testing. Anyone testing positive for SARS-CoV-2, regardless of vaccination status, must follow the [Health Officer Orders for Isolation](#).
 9. The CDPH has declared that the Q&A and Industry Guidance set forth on the CDPH COVID-19 website have the same force and effect as other State Public Health Officer directives. By way of this Order, the Health Officer adopts such directives as orders as well.
 10. All previous orders of the Health Officer, as revised, supplemented and/or amended and that have not been expressly rescinded or superseded, remain in full force and effect, except as provided herein. To the extent a conflict exists between this Order and any previous orders of the Health Officer, the previous orders are hereby superseded and this Order controls.
 11. Protocols established by the Health Officer to implement health orders issued by the State Public Health Officer or the City of Pasadena Health Officer have the same force and effect as other Orders issued by the Health Officer. To the extent any health order of the Health Officer, including any protocols established to implement any health order, is more restrictive than any order or directive issued by the State Public Health Officer, the health order of the Health Officer shall control.
 12. This Order applies to all persons within the City of Pasadena under the Health

Officer's jurisdiction.

13. Violation of this Order is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment, fine or both under California Health and Safety Code Section 120295. This Order will be enforced by the City of Pasadena Police Department, City Attorney/City Prosecutor's Office, and/or any other agency designated by the Pasadena City Manager for enforcement.
14. If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Order (or any other prior Order) or any application of it to any person, structure, gathering, or circumstance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, then such decision will not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Order (or any other prior Order).

IT IS SO ORDERED:



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Health Officer, City of Pasadena

Date: 2/24/2022