

# King County Local Health Officer Order

Masks are **now required** at any **outdoor event** with **500 or more people** in attendance.

This order is for all vaccinated and unvaccinated people, 5 years of age and older.



Masks are also now **strongly recommended** for all people 5 years of age and older — both vaccinated and unvaccinated — in any **other outdoor situations** where people cannot remain at least 6 feet apart from non-household members.



less than 6 feet  
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# Why a new outdoor mask order?

- King County has **increasingly high levels** of COVID-19 transmission.
- Our health care system is under immense strain.
- The **Delta variant** is significantly more contagious and has been associated with a greater risk for hospitalization.
- Fully-vaccinated people have a very high level of protection against serious illness due to COVID-19 but **can still spread to others.**

# Remember that it's still required to wear masks in indoor public spaces.

As of August 23rd, everyone 5 years and older in Washington state is required to wear a face covering within **indoor public spaces**, such as grocery stores, malls, gyms, and community centers.

Everyone must also continue to wear a well-fitted mask in correctional facilities, homeless shelters, schools and childcare settings, public transportation, and health care settings such as doctor's offices, long-term care, and hospitals.



For more information visit

**[kingcounty.gov/masks](https://kingcounty.gov/masks)**

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