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.
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