

Multnomah County Indoor Face Covering Mandate

Applicability: This face covering mandate applies throughout Multnomah County to:

- All persons responsible for indoor spaces or enclosed areas
- The general public when visiting indoor spaces or enclosed areas

Enforcement: This mandate is enforceable as specified in Executive Rule No. 393, and the forthcoming enforcement processes and rules established by the Multnomah County Health Department.

Multnomah County’s Mandate for Face Coverings Applicable to Indoor Spaces or Enclosed Areas: Unless an exception applies, it is required that all persons age five (5) years old and above shall wear a face covering in indoor spaces or enclosed areas, as defined below, in Multnomah County when more than one (1) person is present.

For purposes of this mandate the following definitions apply:

- “Business” means and includes the following:
 - Any entity that is, or is required to be, registered with the Oregon Secretary of State
 - Grocery stores
 - Fitness-related organizations (examples include gyms, fitness centers, personal training, dance studios, and martial arts centers)
 - Entertainment facilities (examples include zoos, museums, movie theaters, raceways, indoor gardens, concert halls, and aquariums)
 - Licensed swimming pools and licensed spa pools
 - Markets, fairs, and venues
 - Pharmacies
 - Private career schools
 - Public transit
 - Public and private colleges and universities
 - Public and private workplaces
 - Personal services providers (examples include barber shops, hair salons, estheticians, medical spas, facial spas, day spas, non-medical massage therapy services, nail salons, tanning salons and tattoo or piercing parlors)
 - Recreational sports operators
 - Recreational organizations

- Restaurants, bars, breweries, brewpubs, wineries, tasting rooms and distilleries
 - Retail stores, shopping centers, and malls
 - Ride sharing services
 - Youth programs
- “Face covering” means a cloth, polypropylene, paper, or medical grade mask that covers the nose and the mouth and that rests snugly above the nose, below the mouth, and on the sides of the face.
 - The following **are not** face coverings because they allow droplets to be released: a covering that incorporates a valve that is designed to facilitate easy exhalation, mesh masks, lace masks, face shields, or other coverings with openings, holes, visible gaps in the design or material, or vents.
 - “Indoor spaces or enclosed areas” means either or both of the following:
 - Any section or area of a business, as defined above, that is (1) enclosed on three or more sides with permanent or temporary walls or windows and (2) also by a roof.
 - Any section or area of any building or space that is (1) enclosed on three or more sides with permanent or temporary walls or windows and (2) also by a roof and (3) where the public has express or implied access by right or by invitation, including all lobbies or common areas, workplaces, classrooms, elevators, bathrooms, or meeting rooms, or any other spaces outside of private residences where people gather for any purpose, including entertainment, social, civic, cultural, or religious purposes.

Persons responsible for indoor spaces and enclosed areas are required to:

- Enforce this mandate by having all employees, contractors, volunteers, students, customers, and all other visitors wear a face covering, unless an exception applies.
- Provide face coverings for employees.
- Provide appropriate accommodations for employees, contractors, students, customers, and visitors if such accommodations are required by:
 - State and federal disabilities laws, if applicable, including the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

- State or federal labor laws, public accommodations laws, or any other applicable laws.
- Oregon Health Authority (OHA) public health guidance, if applicable.
- Post public facing signs about this face covering mandate.
- Educate employees:
 - On how to safely work and communicate with people who cannot wear face coverings.
 - On how to provide appropriate accommodations for other employees, contractors, students, customers, and visitors if they need such accommodations.

Persons responsible for indoor spaces or enclosed areas should, but are not required to:

- Provide face coverings for customers and visitors who do not have one.

Exceptions to Face Covering Mandate:

All persons when visiting indoor spaces or enclosed areas are required to wear a face covering, unless the person is under five (5) years of age, except as follows:

- When engaged in an activity that makes wearing a face covering impracticable, such as swimming, eating, or drinking.
- When engaged in an activity that only involves members of the same household.
- When removal is required for visual comparison, such as at a bank or if interacting with law enforcement.
- When a person has a medical condition or disability and has appropriately requested an accommodation to enable full and equal access to services, transportation, or other facilities open to the public.
- When receiving personal services or medical evaluations or treatment where a face covering is impractical, such as dental patients, beard services and cuts, facials, or nose/mouth waxing services.
- When engaged in athletic or other physical activities for which use of a face covering is unsafe because of exertion or risk of strangulation.

- When at a private individual workspace, which is a space that is used by one individual at a time and is enclosed on all sides with floor-to-ceiling walls and a closed door.
- When at or in a location where the employee, contractor, or volunteer does not have a job that requires interacting with the public or with other employees, such as a large warehouse **and** at least six (6) feet of distance can be maintained between other people.
- When a state or federal law, rule, or regulation conflicts with this mandate.

For children younger than 12 years:

- It is not recommended that children under the age of two (2) years old wear a face covering or shield.
- It is strongly recommended, but not required, that children between two (2) and five (5) years of age wear a face covering or face shield at all times in all indoor spaces open to the public, particularly in places where it is likely that physical distancing of at least six (6) feet from other individuals outside their household unit cannot be maintained, and where vulnerable people may go.
- Because children between the ages of two (2) and twelve (12) years of age can have challenges wearing a face covering or face shield properly (e.g., excessively touching the face covering, not changing the face covering if visibly soiled, risk of strangulation or suffocation, etc.) we urge that when face coverings or face shields are worn by this age group, that they be worn with the assistance and close supervision of an adult. Face coverings or face shields should never be worn by children when they are sleeping.
- There may be face coverings and face shield requirements and recommendations that apply to other sectors applicable to children. Refer to other sector guidance, including the [Oregon Department of Education's Ready Schools Safe Learners Resiliency Framework for the 2021-22 School Year](#) and the [Oregon Department of Education's Early Learning guidance](#).