



# COVID-19 Prevention in Public Settings

There continues to be a significant risk of COVID-19 transmission in Los Angeles County. Residents are asked to get vaccinated and boosted when eligible and are encouraged to wear a mask in indoor public places. This is to protect themselves and others, especially those who are at high risk of becoming seriously ill if they get COVID-19. To see what the current LA County community COVID-19 level is click [here](#).

To learn more about how to reduce your risk, visit [ph.lacounty.gov/reducerisk](https://ph.lacounty.gov/reducerisk).

## Mask requirements and recommendations



**Everyone\* 2 years of age and older is required to wear a mask in these locations:**

- On all forms of public transportation in LA County. This includes trains, buses, taxis and ride-shares.
- In all indoor transportation hubs in LA County, including airport and bus terminals, train and subway stations, seaports or other indoor port terminals, or any other indoor area that serves as a transportation hub.
- In healthcare settings
- In long-term care settings and adult/senior care facilities
- In state and local correctional facilities and detention centers
- Shelters and cooling centers
- In any other location where it is the policy of the business or venue

Masks are strongly recommended in many other situations – for details, see the [Mask Wearing Rules and Recommendations](#) webpage. Masks that [fit and filter](#) well should be worn.

\*There are some people who should not wear a mask, such as children younger than 2, people with certain medical conditions or disabilities, and people instructed by their medical provider not to wear a mask. Children ages 2 to 8 should wear a mask only when under adult supervision. See [Who should not wear a mask](#) and [Special considerations for persons with communication difficulties or certain disabilities](#).

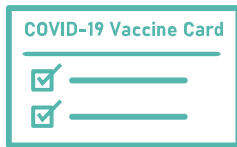
**No one can be prevented from wearing a mask to enter a business or participate in an activity.**

# COVID-19 Prevention in Public Settings

## Pre-entry proof of vaccination or negative test

Some venues, events, and health care settings may require visitors and customers to show proof of vaccination or a negative test. Check their rules before buying a ticket or visiting.

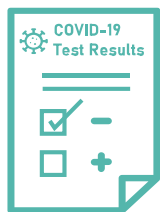
### Proof of vaccination



To prove that you have been fully vaccinated<sup>1</sup> against COVID-19 most venues are likely to accept a digital vaccination record, vaccination record card, a photocopy of your card, or a photo of your card on a phone. Some venues may also require a photo ID. Check the specific requirements of the venue.

Visit the Public Health [COVID-19 vaccination records web page](#) to learn about the different types of vaccination records. You can get a free digital vaccination record at [myvaccinerecord.cdph.ca.gov](https://myvaccinerecord.cdph.ca.gov).

### Proof of a recent negative COVID-19 test



To prove that you had a recent negative test, venues may ask for a photo ID and a negative COVID-19 [viral test](#) result. The test may have to be taken within a certain time limit – for example 2 days (if PCR/NAAT) or 1 day (if antigen) before you enter the establishment or event. Check the specific requirements of the venue.

## Getting vaccinated is the best way to protect against COVID-19.

COVID-19 vaccines are free and available to everyone age 5 years and over throughout LA County, regardless of immigration status.

No appointment is needed at many locations.

In-home vaccination is also available for people who are homebound.

Visit [VaccinateLACounty.com](https://VaccinateLACounty.com) and click on "[Click here to get vaccinated](#)" to find a location near you, or

Call the **Public Health Vaccine Call Center** at **833-540-0473**, open daily 8:00 am to 8:30 pm.

<sup>1</sup> You are fully vaccinated two weeks after: 1 dose of Johnson & Johnson (J&J) vaccine, or

- 2 doses of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, or
- A COVID-19 vaccine series that is [listed for emergency use](#) by the World Health Organization (WHO), or
- All the recommended doses of active COVID-19 vaccine (not placebo) in an clinical trial with [confirmed efficacy](#), or
- Two doses of any "mix-and-match" combination of FDA-authorized, FDA-approved, or WHO-listed COVID-19 vaccines at least 17 days apart.