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Mask or no mask? State updates face mask use recommendations.

It can be confusing to understand when or where to wear a mask, and the state has come up with new recommendations for face mask use to prevent COVID-19 transmission.

There is no longer a statewide requirement to wear a face mask in most settings, but the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) released its [recommendations for face mask use effective June 22](#).

“Everyone should gauge their environment and take steps to mitigate their risks and all of us should be accepting of someone’s preference to wear a mask and understand that there continue to be certain situations where masks are still recommended or required,” said Lisa Peacock, Health Officer with the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department. Further, the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention requires](#) that all persons – regardless of vaccination status – wear masks on planes, buses, trains and other forms of public transportation, she noted.

“Even without broad rules requiring these precautions, it is important to remember that we can all take steps to protect those who cannot get vaccinated by following public health recommendations, including youth under the age of 12 who are not yet eligible for the vaccine and those who aren’t able to achieve a robust immune response, such as the elderly or those with compromised immune systems,” Peacock added.

In addition, individual businesses may ask individuals to wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status.

For a full explanation of the MDHHS recommendations for face mask use in **outdoor settings**, [click here](#). According to MDHHS, individuals who are not yet fully vaccinated should wear a mask when:

- In crowded outdoor settings and events.
- Participating in outdoor contact sports.
- In residential care facilities, including nursing homes, adult foster care, and homes for the aged.
- In outdoor congregate settings.

All individuals - regardless of vaccination status – should wear a face mask when:

- In outdoor congregate setting where a COVID-19 outbreak is underway (with a new case in the past 14 days).

For a full explanation of the MDHHS recommendations for face mask use in **indoor settings**, [click here](#). According to MDHHS, all individuals - regardless of vaccination status – should wear a mask when in:

- Classrooms.
- Participating in indoor contact sports.
- Residential care facilities, including nursing homes, adult foster care, and homes for the aged.
- Other indoor congregate settings such as jails, prisons, migrant worker housing, etc.
- Healthcare facilities including outpatient clinics during patient encounters.

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