

Keep Indy Open: Wear a Mask

Indianapolis is pausing its reopening plans to ensure that the number of new COVID-19 cases and related hospitalizations continue to decline. In addition, the Marion County Public Health Department has mandated face masks beginning July 9 for all residents when they are inside public buildings and/or unable to maintain adequate social distancing outdoors.

Wearing a face mask in public is now required.



Unless an exception applies, all individuals must wear a face covering when in an indoor place other than the home, or when outdoors in a situation where adequate social distancing of at least six feet is not possible (including outdoor public gatherings). This requirement does not apply to individuals who:

- Are two years of age or younger
- Are unable to wear a face covering for a physical, medical, or health-related reason, including those who are hearing or speaking impaired and for whom a face covering is an obstacle to communication
- Are in a hospital or other healthcare facility in circumstances where wearing a face covering would be an impediment to receiving proper care
- Are homeless
- Are alone in a room in a public building or are traveling in their vehicle
- Have a job for which wearing a mask presents a safety risk
- Are incarcerated
- Are seated at a restaurant, bar, or other establishment that serves food and/or drink, while they are eating or drinking; however, individuals must wear face coverings in restaurants or bars in all other situations
- Are engaged in outdoor physical exercise, including running, jogging, walking, bicycling, or swimming if in groups of fewer than 25, or indoor exercise that is incompatible with wearing a face covering
- Are experiencing a bona fide emergency situation in which they lack the time or means to put on a face covering

Free face coverings are available for any Marion County resident who cannot afford to buy one, older adults, and people with serious medical conditions. Visit indy.gov/masks to apply.

Unless specified below, businesses and individuals should follow the capacity and social distancing guidelines listed in the State of Indiana Stage 4.5 plan.



Indoor visiting at nursing homes and assisted living facilities remains prohibited.



Public gatherings of more than 250 people are allowed but not encouraged.



Fairs, festivals, conventions, and sporting events that anticipate attendance of 1,000 or greater must have an MCPHD-approved mitigation plan.



Youth overnight camps remain closed at this time.



Wearing a face covering is doing your part in keeping the city open. Go to indy.gov/covid to learn more.