

# WA STATE DOC COVID-19 ROUTINE MASKING GUIDANCE - Version 7

This document is effective **December 23, 2022**

This guidance supersedes all previous Routine Masking Guidance

## ROUTINE MASKING GUIDANCE

Recovering staff will follow Strict Masking Adherence for 10 days (from symptom onset) at all times when around others (in addition to any [PPE required](#))

### COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES, & OTHER OFFICE SETTINGS WITH INTERACTION WITH PUBLIC/CLIENTS/CUSTOMERS

Indoor public area or anytime interacting with public/client/customers	Not Required	Indoor shared or private office (With door closed)	Not Required
During a LAC/BWC, all persons in the building, except if in private office w/door closed	X Required	Indoors or Outdoors with public/clients/customers/staff	Not Required
When visitors/public are on-site	Not Required	Indoor shared area/cubicle/private office	Not Required

### TRANSPORTATION OR ANY VEHICLE USE

Transport supervised/incarcerated individual	X Required	Only staff in vehicle	Not Required
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### EVENTS (Meetings / Conferences / Training outside a congregate setting) Congregate settings, refer to guidance in yellow and green sections below

Indoors that include public/clients/customers	Not Required	Outdoor events	Not Required
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### HEALTH CARE / LONG TERM CARE (LTC) / HIGH RISK UNITS

Any facility or community health care setting	X Required	LTC / High Risk Unit (CRCC Sage-East, MCC WSR-A or Community)	X Required
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### PRISON / REENTRY FACILITIES (Congregate Settings)

*COVID Community Levels are medium (yellow) or high (red)  
OR facility in FWC/FWO/LAO  
OR unit/area under LAC*

*COVID-19 Community Levels are low (green)  
AND facility/unit NOT in FWC/LAO/FWO/LAC*

Indoors / Outdoors	X Required	Indoors / Outdoors	Not Required
Indoor private areas (In office alone with door closed)	Not Required	Indoor private areas (In office alone with door closed)	Not Required
Facility Visitors and Professional Visitors	X Required	Facility Visitors & Professional Visitors	Not Required

*This is routine masking guidance.*

*Special events or local health jurisdictions may specifically identify additional masking requirements.*

*LAC= Limited Area Cluster; BWC = Building Wide Cluster; FWC = Facility Wide Cluster;*

*LAO = Limited Area Outbreak; FWO = Facility Wide Outbreak*

For further information on COVID-19 Community Levels, please visit: [COVID-19 County Tracker](#)

*Note: If work/training necessitates wearing an air-purifying respirator ("gas mask"), that supersedes the need to wear a surgical mask/N95. However, if wearing a riot helmet, a surgical mask/N95 is still necessary.*

*If staff wish to wear a mask/N95 for any reason when masking is not required, they are encouraged to do so.*

*At any time, staff may choose to wear an N95 in place of a surgical mask without the need to be fit-tested, when not otherwise required.*

*Staff should be active participants in their own health and safety.*