



Yakima Health District

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Clarifying Masking Guidance For Fully Vaccinated People in Yakima County

YAKIMA, WA – On May 13, 2021, Governor Inslee announced that Washington State would adopt masking guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) relating to fully vaccinated people. That same day, the Yakima Health District announced it would continue to follow state and federal guidance. Unfortunately, there continues to be confusion regarding masking within Yakima County. To ensure consistency in messaging, and to avoid further confusion, the Yakima Health District's Interim Health Officer, Dr. Larry Jecha has rescinded the local masking order to ensure consistency between local and state guidance. Yakima County will follow Governor Inslee's amended [Proclamation 20-25.13](#), which was signed on May 21, 2021 and Order of the Secretary of Health [20-03.2](#), issued on May 15, 2021. Please refer to these materials for further guidance.

Masking Guidance for Fully Vaccinated People

Individuals who are fully vaccinated do not need to wear masks or social distance in most settings. The only exceptions include, healthcare settings, correctional facilities, homeless shelters, schools and public transportation.

It is critical that individuals who have not been fully vaccinated continue following public health recommendations, such as social distancing and wearing masks. If individuals have not received their COVID-19 vaccine, [YakimaVaccines.org](#) has a list of locations offering the vaccine.

Additional Information

[Community Vaccination Center](#)

[Mobile Vaccine Unit Locations](#)

[PrepMod COVID-19 Vaccine Registration](#)

[How to Protect Yourself and Others](#)

[Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People](#)

[L&I Updated COVID-19 Facial Covering Guidance for Employers and Businesses](#)

[Amended Governor Proclamation 20-25.13](#)

[Amended Secretary of Health Order 20-03.2](#)

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