

**Local Health Officer Order:
Rescinding August 6, 2021, Order Requiring Face Coverings
for All While in Public Indoor Settings**

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WHEREAS, a state of emergency has been declared by the State of California, and local emergencies have been declared in Mono County in response to the virus COVID-19 (Coronavirus); and

WHEREAS, on Friday August 6, 2021, the Local Health Officer issued an order requiring face coverings in indoor public settings within Mono County, subject to specified exceptions; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 cases and hospitalization are declining across the state. This is due in large part to the collective efforts of Californians to get vaccinated, get boosted, and wear masks; and

WHEREAS, a universal indoor masking requirement was implemented by the State of California on December 15, 2021, to add a layer of mitigation as the Omicron variant, a Variant of Concern as labeled by the World Health Organization, increased in prevalence across California, the United States, and the world and spread much more easily than the original SARS-CoV-2 virus and the Delta variant. Implementing the universal masking requirement in all indoor public settings during the winter season was an important tool to decrease community transmission during the highly infectious Omicron surge. That requirement will be replaced, effective February 16, 2022, with more limited requirements for masking; and

WHEREAS, the dramatic surge in cases and hospitalizations due to the highly infectious Omicron variant over the last two months has declined significantly. Californians are also increasingly knowledgeable about how to protect themselves and their loved ones with effective masks when there may be risk of COVID-19 exposure.

WHEREAS, for the foregoing reasons, it is now appropriate to rescind the August 6, 2021, Local Health Order requiring masks in indoor public settings to coincide with the rescission and replacement of the State's mask order, scheduled to take effect on February 16, 2022;

NOW, THEREFORE, under the authority of California Health and Safety Code sections 101040, 101085 and 120175 and Title 17 California Code of Regulations, Section 2501; Article XI of the California Constitution; California Government Code Sections 8634, and 8665, the Mono County Health Officer:

HEREBY ORDERS as follows:

1. The recitals above are incorporated herein as Findings.
2. The August 6, 2021, Local Health Officer Order requiring face coverings in indoor public settings in Mono County is rescinded, effective February 16, 2022, and shall be of no further force and effect.
3. The public is referred instead to Guidance issued by the State of California which continues to require the wearing of masks in specified settings. That Guidance is available at <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-for-face-coverings.aspx>

General Provisions

1. This Order is made in accordance with all applicable State and Federal laws, including but not limited to: Health and Safety Code sections 101030, et seq.; Health and Safety Code sections 120100, et seq.; and Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations section 2501.

2. Copies of this Order shall promptly be posted on the County of Mono's Public Health Department's website (monohealth.com) and provided to any member of the public requesting a copy of this Order.

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