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DCHD Statement Regarding Illinois Mask Guidance

DuPage County Health Department (DCHD) supports the updated mask guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [last week](#) and reinforced by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) [today](#). DCHD recognizes masks are an effective tool to protect against COVID-19. When you wear a mask, you protect others as well as yourself. DCHD also recognizes the high levels of effectiveness, protection, and safety provided by the COVID-19 vaccines. In DuPage County, only 0.3% of all new COVID-19 cases reported in DuPage County residents since December 15, 2020 were in individuals who were fully vaccinated.

Based on the guidance provided by CDC and IDPH, fully vaccinated persons no longer need to wear a mask or physically distance in most settings. Those who are not fully vaccinated are expected to continue wearing masks when in public settings with people they do not live with, especially when physical distancing of at least six feet cannot be maintained.

Masks currently continue to be required in some settings (e.g., healthcare, congregate, schools, and public transportation) regardless of vaccination status. There are not additional local restrictions beyond the recent guidance issued from CDC and the State of Illinois. It is important to note that businesses and workplaces may choose to continue mask requirements for their locations if desired. DCHD expects guidance will continue to evolve and additional updates from CDC and IDPH will be provided soon.

[Gov. Pritzker Aligns Illinois Mask Guidance with CDC for Fully Vaccinated People](#)

[Bridge Phase Executive Order](#)

[CDC – When You’ve Been Fully Vaccinated](#)

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