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State update on indoor mask requirements

East Wenatchee, WA – Governor Jay Inslee announced an indoor mask update on Thursday, February 17. Masks will no longer be required in some indoor settings including schools, restaurants and gyms starting March 21. Refer to Inslee’s [Proclamation 20-03.07](#) on face covering for more details.

Inslee also announced that masks will still be required in healthcare and medical facilities, long-term care settings, correctional facilities and public transit including school buses, taxis and rideshare vehicles. Private businesses and local governments have the option to require masks for employees and customers.

In addition, vaccine verification will no longer be required for large indoor events as of March 1. Similarly to mask requirements, private businesses and local governments have the option to implement vaccination requirements to employees and customers.

Important indicators of the less restrictive statewide requirements are a combination of a decrease in COVID-19 hospitalizations and an increase in vaccination rates and their efficacy in preventing severe illness.

CDHD wants to emphasize that local infection rates remain high and masks are still required in indoor settings until March 21. Be kind and respectful as there are individuals who are immunocompromised that will continue to wear masks moving forward.

Vaccines continue to be the most effective against severe illness and hospitalizations. Visit www.cdhd.wa.gov and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) for information on current vaccine resources.

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