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## **Public Health – Dayton & Montgomery County Supports CDC Mask Guidance *Masks Recommended for Everyone Indoors***

Due to the rapid [increase in the number of COVID-19 cases](#), the increasing spread of the Delta variant in the region, and recent research showing that vaccinated individuals can spread the disease if they become infected, Public Health - Dayton & Montgomery County is providing notice that it supports the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's \(CDC\) guidance](#) that recommends the use of face masks while indoors and near others, for all individuals 2 years of age and older, regardless of vaccination status.

Masking is necessary to slow the spread of the virus to prevent surges in new infections which could increase COVID-19-related illness and death and stress healthcare capacity.

Vaccination and the use of face masks are the two best ways to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Everyone who is eligible to be vaccinated should do so as soon as possible. You may find the vaccination location nearest you by visiting [Gettheshot.Coronavirus.Ohio.Gov](https://www.gettheshot.gov).

Healthcare facilities, businesses, and other organizations may require masks to ensure the safety of their employees and customers based on their individual circumstances.

### Recommendations for both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals include:

- All those who are medically able to do so, should wear a face mask, regardless of vaccination status, in public indoor settings when you are near others
- The use of face masks is recommended for all teachers, staff, students and visitors to schools, regardless of vaccination status
- Get tested if experiencing [COVID-19 symptoms](#)
- Everyone with a known contact to someone with confirmed COVID-19 disease should get tested 3-5 days following exposure
- Isolate if you have tested positive for COVID-19 in the prior 10 days or are experiencing [COVID-19 symptoms](#)

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