



DIRECTIVE NO. 2021-3
JEFFERSON COUNTY LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER DIRECTIVE REGARDING
COVID-19; REQUIRING THE WEARING OF CLOTH FACE COVERINGS

Below is a summary of the updated changes to Directive NO. 2020-2. See the full document on our website at: <https://www.jeffersoncountypublichealth.org/DocumentCenter/View/12059/Jefferson-County-Mask-Directive-modified-6-7--21-002>

I, Thomas Locke, MD, MPH, Local Health Officer for Jefferson County, under the authority of RCW 70.05.070, RCW 43.20.050, and WAC 246-100-036, and on the basis of the foregoing recitals modify my Health Officer Directive of May 26, 2020, make the following DIRECTIVE:

1. Public Spaces Covered by this DIRECTIVE. This DIRECTIVE applies to indoor spaces that are open to the public, including retail, grocery stores, government buildings, and other businesses and places where members of the public can enter freely; it does not apply to indoor non-public spaces, including businesses, offices, and other places of employment with limited access. Employers should continue to follow current guidance and requirements from the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries on worker safety.

2. Use of Appropriate Face Coverings. All individuals must wear approved face coverings over their noses and mouths when they will be at indoor public places, including all businesses and other publicly accessible indoor locations. Face coverings are not required by this directive for outdoor events although unvaccinated individuals and those who are immunosuppressed are advised to maintain physical distancing from non-household members and masking is recommended if distancing cannot be maintained.

Approved face coverings include cloth face masks, synthetic fabric surgical masks (aka procedural masks), and high efficiency particulate masks (N-95 and KN-95). Bandanas and gaiter-type masks are discouraged but if used should have at least 2 layers of fabric and light should not be visible through the mask. Face shields may be worn in addition to an approved mask but are not a substitute for an approved face covering except in occupational settings where Labor and Industry rules allow a face shield with an attached fabric collar;

Wearing of cloth face coverings should not be required for the following individuals:

- (a) any child under two years of age;
- (b) any child who is at least two and less than five years of age unless a parent or caregiver supervises the use of cloth face coverings by children to avoid misuse;

- (c) any individual who is unable to remove the cloth face covering without assistance;
- (d) any individual who is deaf and uses facial and mouth movements for communication purposes; or
- (e) any individual who can provide evidence that a licensed medical professional has advised them that wearing a face covering poses a significant health risk to that individual.

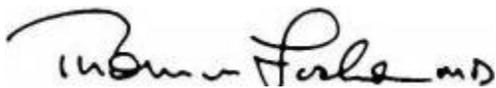
3. Cloth Face Coverings Required. Owners and operators of businesses in Jefferson County covered by this DIRECTIVE shall not permit or allow any non-employee to enter or remain inside a building owned or operated by the business unless the non-employee is wearing an approved face covering over their mouth and nostrils. This does not apply to a restaurant, tavern, or bar patron while eating or drinking. Further, businesses that sell food, medicine, or medical supplies shall provide a method for customers to purchase these items without entering a building, such as curbside pick-up or delivery.

4. Notice by Businesses, Ports, and Marina Facilities. Owners and operators of all businesses, ports, and/or marina facilities in Jefferson County that are covered by this DIRECTIVE shall post notice at entry points indicating that the wearing of approved face coverings is required inside businesses in Jefferson County. Said notice shall be posted no later than 7 days after the date of this directive. This paragraph does not require posting of notice by a business that is not open to the public.

5. Exception for indoor events in which all participants are verified to be fully immunized with a COVID vaccination. Indoor events (e.g., sporting, live entertainment, weddings, birthday celebrations) in which all attendees have been verified to be fully immunized (14 days after the second dose of the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine or 14 days after a single dose of J & J (Janssen) vaccine) that are otherwise allowed by the Governor's current proclamations are exempt from this masking mandate. Events that have a special section for fully vaccinated individuals and where vaccination is verified are also exempt within the special section designated for the fully immunized. Proof of vaccination (a copy of a CDC vaccination card or a copy of a Washington Immunization Information System [WAIS] record of vaccination) may be accepted as proof of COVID vaccination.

This order shall remain in effect until further order of the County Health Officer following a determination that the wearing of cloth face coverings is no longer necessary for all county residents.

DATED this ___7___ day of ___June_____, 2021 at ___4:00___pm.



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Jefferson County Health Officer