

# Oregon adjusts guidelines for mask-wearing, physical distancing indoors and outdoors

SALEM — the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) has released updated guidance about mask and physical distancing requirements for individuals fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

Under the updated guidance, people who are fully vaccinated will no longer be required to wear a mask indoors, in most public settings where vaccination status is checked.

In public settings where vaccination status is not checked, masks will still be required. Finally, businesses and venue operators remain free to establish their own, more restrictive policies regarding mask usage.

In addition to exempting people who are fully vaccinated from mask requirements in most indoor settings, OHA health experts announced that mask re-

quirements no longer apply to anyone who is outdoors.

However, OHA recommends that individuals continue to wear a mask or face covering in crowded areas and large gatherings (such as sporting events), and to maintain physical distance as much as possible. OHA urges unvaccinated individuals and those at risk for complications to wear masks in these settings.

The new guidance comes after the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) last week announced that individuals who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 could stop wearing masks and stop physical distancing in most public spaces.

Oregon's Governor Kate Brown pointed to the CDC announcement as "another sign that as more people become ful-

ly vaccinated, the closer we are to ending this pandemic."

OHA Director Patrick Allen said, "Masks continue to save lives and protect people who are not vaccinated. However, last week's announcement from the CDC emphasizes the point that safe and effective vaccines are the very best way to protect people from getting and spreading COVID."

He added, "That's why it's safer for life to look more like normal for people who are fully vaccinated. And why people who haven't had a chance to get vaccinated should do so as soon as they can."

The new Oregon guidance says:

- Individuals in Oregon are no longer required to wear a face mask or physically distance, whether indoors or outdoors, two weeks after their final

COVID-19 vaccination dose. A "fully vaccinated individual" is a person who has received both doses of a two-dose COVID-19 vaccine or one dose of a single-dose vaccine and at least 14 days have passed since the individual's final dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

- However, fully vaccinated individuals are required to continue wearing a mask and observe physical distancing on public transportation and in schools, hospitals and clinics, homeless shelters, youth and adult correctional facilities and long-term care facilities.

- Businesses, employers and faith institutions can choose to no longer require masks and physical

distancing for fully vaccinated individuals or continue to require masks and physical distancing in their locations for all individuals, regardless of vaccination status.

- If a business, employer or faith institution chooses to no longer require masks and physical distancing, the business, employer or faith institution must require visitors to show proof of vaccination and review the proof of vaccination.

In that case, a business would need to have a policy for checking the vaccination status of customers and employees if they are not wearing masks.

Fully vaccinated individuals would need to

provide proof they'd been vaccinated if they want to remove face coverings and not observe physical distancing guidelines.

In addition, state health experts announced that face coverings are no longer required outdoors (regardless of vaccination status).

OHA strongly recommends that people who are not vaccinated and people who are at high risk of severe COVID-19 disease continue to wear face coverings and physically distance in outdoor crowded areas and large gatherings.

More information about vaccinations in Oregon is available at [covid-vaccine.oregon.gov](https://covid-vaccine.oregon.gov).

## Backstreet featuring beaded art, photos

In June, photographer Mark Anderson and jeweler Kathleen Wenzel will present their intriguing arts as the Backstreet Gallery featured artists.

The physical world's beauty and natural occurrences inspire Anderson. He aims for something beyond that.

"Our eyes see the natural, while our souls feel that which sustains the natural," Anderson said.

Anderson started as a freelance photographer with commercial clients. After his professional career, he returned to his camera using digital photography. His use of light, form and composition transposes nature into monochromatic imagery.

He uses the strong effects of natural light on stunning scenery to compose his subjects in a powerful way. Usually executed in black and white, he also prints in sepia tones.

Anderson's work has appeared at various galleries in Sacramento, Honolulu, Portland, San Rafael, Minneapolis, Kansas City, Loveland, Cape Cod and

Florence venues.

When seed-bead jeweler Wenzel weaves tiny seed beads together, she transforms them into remarkable one-of-a-kind pieces of jewelry. Her intricate designs combine various colors and items, including florals, snowflakes, shells, butterflies and more, and they are quite often

three-dimensional.

Wenzel's collection includes earrings, necklaces, pins and amulet bags. She creates her pieces to enhance any wardrobe and some may even be appreciated at Oregon sporting events.

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