



NOTICE - FACE COVERING RECOMMENDATION (Effective July 1, 2021)

The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) **strongly recommends, but does not require**, that all individuals who are not fully vaccinated continue to wear face coverings in all indoor settings outside of their home and in outdoor settings when physical distancing cannot be maintained.

- All Marylanders should be aware that the [federal order](#) that face masks be worn by all people while on public transportation conveyances, including public and private school buses, and at transportation hubs, is still in effect.
- Each childcare facility, youth camp, local school system and authority may set their own policies regarding masks and face coverings.
- All correctional and detention facilities should follow the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) [guidance on face masks](#).
- Staff and residents in shared or congregate housing should follow the CDC's [guidance on face masks](#).
- Employers should refer to the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration's Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS) for healthcare below to determine whether and how your workplace is covered:
 - [Subpart U—COVID-19 Healthcare ETS \(osha.gov\)](#) (OSHA 4122)
 - And [Is your workplace covered by the COVID 19 Healthcare ETS? \(osha.gov\)](#) (OSHA 4125)
- All licensed healthcare providers and healthcare facilities should follow the CDC's [Healthcare Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations](#).

[As recommended by the CDC](#), face coverings should not be worn by children under the age of 2 years and anyone who has trouble breathing or is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove a face covering without assistance.

Caution should be used when individuals are wearing face coverings outdoors during hot days or when individuals are engaged in vigorous activity due to the increased risk of heat-related illness. See [CDC guidance](#) for additional safety considerations related to the use of face coverings.

This Notice is effective at 12:01 A.M. on July 1, 2021, and shall remain in effect until it is rescinded.


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Secretary