

What to expect in King County as Washington fully re-opens



This information is based on Washington Department of Health (DOH) and Department of Labor & Industries (L&I) rules as of 6/25/21 – and is subject to change.

For You

When Washington reopens, most COVID-19 restrictions will be lifted. Most businesses and public spaces including restaurants, stores, offices, theaters, and museums can return to full capacity with no physical distancing requirements.



COVID-19 is still present in our communities. The best protection is to get a COVID-19 vaccine. It's free, safe and effective. Visit our website for community vaccination sites (updated frequently): www.kingcounty.gov/vaccine.

Where you need to wear a mask and keep physical distancing:

Location	Fully Vaccinated (two weeks after completing vaccine series)	Partially vaccinated or unvaccinated
Crowded outdoor public places (outdoor events, busy streets or trails)		✓ (when six feet distance can't be maintained)
Indoor public places, in general		✓
Indoor public places where business owners request or require a mask policy for everyone	✓	✓
Hospitals, long-term care, doctor's offices, correctional facilities, homeless shelters, schools, or on public transportation	✓	✓

Fully vaccinated people may continue to wear masks if they choose, to show support for others who are wearing masks or if they want an extra layer of protection. Not everyone has been vaccinated yet, including more than 300,000 children and some people with medical conditions, so everyone should continue to follow state masking guidelines as well as CDC travel guidelines.

For Businesses and Organizations



All businesses and organizations can support a safe re-opening. Follow Washington state guidance to protect your employees and customers, with [proper indoor air ventilation](#), [vaccination efforts](#), and [mask guidelines](#). Businesses and other organizations retain the right to require customers and employees wear masks.

Fully vaccinated employees do not have to wear a mask or physically distance at work, unless their employer still requires it. But, [Washington Labor & Industries](#) requires employers to verify that employees are fully vaccinated.

For Large Events (10,000+ participants)

Vaccine verification and negative testing is recommended but not required for large **indoor and outdoor** events, like concerts, conventions, and sporting events. There are no capacity limitations or physical distancing requirements for outdoor events.



Large **indoor** events will run at up to 75% capacity. If an event requires proof of vaccination by all attending participants, they may resume activities at full capacity with no physical distancing required. Attendees must follow current masking requirements.

Going Forward

King County and Washington state will continue to monitor COVID-19 vaccination and infection rates, as well as review and reevaluate guidelines and restrictions. If cases rise significantly and create a public health concern, reopening plans may be updated as necessary.