

Proposed Public Health Order 2021-07



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**REQUIRING FACIAL COVERINGS
INDOORS FOR ALL INDIVIDUALS 2+ IN
CHILDCARE, CAMPS, AND PK-12
SCHOOL SETTINGS**

Current Orders

Federal:

- CDC Order requiring 2+ to mask on public transportation

State:

- EO D2021-122: Disaster Declaration (extended by D 2021-125)
- CDPHE 20-20 and 20-38 requiring masks: homeless shelters, prisons, jails, healthcare for not fully vaccinated individuals, and long-term care facilities

2020-2021 School year


Masks:

- Required for PK-12 in both SVVSD and BVSD, many private schools
- Required by many ECE providers for children

Quarantines:

- State-mandated routine classroom exposure quarantines for all grades and ages

CDC Guidance (as of August 5, 2021)

- Students benefit from in-person learning, and safely returning to in-person instruction in the fall 2021 is a priority.
 - Vaccination is the leading public health prevention strategy to end the COVID-19 pandemic. Promoting vaccination can help schools safely return to in-person learning as well as extracurricular activities and sports.
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CDC Guidance (as of August 5, 2021)

“Due to the circulating highly contagious Delta variant, CDC recommends universal indoor masking by all students (age 2 and older), staff, teachers, and visitors to K-12 schools regardless of vaccination status”

AAP Recommendation

“All students older than 2 years and all staff should wear face masks at school (unless medical or developmental conditions prohibit use)”

AAP Recommendation

- Significant portion not eligible for vaccination
- Protection of unvaccinated students
- Potential difficulty in monitoring or enforcing mask policies for those who are not vaccinated
- Continued concerns for variants that are more easily spread among children, adolescents, and adults

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Require face coverings for

- all individuals age 2+
- School Buildings, Indoor Childcare Settings, Indoor Youth Sports, and Indoor Youth Activities and Camps
- Regardless of vaccination status

CDPHE Guidance

Implements CDC guidance and “applies to all circumstances where a teacher or caregiver cares for multiple children outside of the usual home of the children. These circumstances include but are not limited to:”

- K-12 schools, both public and private.
- Licensed child care settings.
- Home-based family child care settings.
- License-exempt child care programs such as single skill building and 72-hour camps.
- Guest child care facilities at ski resorts and courthouses.
- “Pods” and other home learning/homeschooling groups.

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Require face coverings for

- all individuals age 2+
- in school buildings, indoor childcare settings, indoor youth sports, indoor camps and other indoor youth activities and camps
- Regardless of vaccination status

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All individuals age 2 and older must wear a **Face Covering** while inside any **school building** (including for purposes of extracurricular activities), regardless of vaccination status.

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All individuals age 2 and older must wear a **Face Covering**, regardless of vaccination status, while indoors at any childcare center or while participating (whether as an attendee, student, athlete, staff member, volunteer, coach, or spectator) in an indoor youth camp, indoor youth sport, or indoor youth extracurricular intended for individuals under age 19, i.e. youth activities, regardless of whether a license is required for such activity. This requirement applies to all licensed childcare settings, license-exempt childcare programs such as single building and 72-hour camps, guest child care facilities at ski resorts, gyms, recreational facilities, and courthouses, and indoor youth sports.

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All individuals age 2 and older are required to wear a **Face Covering** while on public transportation, including school buses, as required by the CDC's [Requirement for Persons Age 2+ Years to Wear Masks While on Conveyances and at Transportation Hubs.](#)

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Exemptions:

- a. Individuals under age 2
 - b. Individuals who cannot medically tolerate
a **Face Covering**
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Exceptions (highlights):

- Hearing impaired where mouth is essential to communication
- Seated during meal or snack time
- Receiving medical services
- Swimming
- Some limited sports exceptions
- Playing an instrument for academic credit that cannot be played with a face covering (e.g. wind instrument)
- Alone in an enclosed room

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- All facilities and entities covered in this order must follow Boulder County Public Health's Schools and Childcare Guidance (to be posted on BCPH website).
 - Requires layered mitigation strategies similar to those required last year by the state.

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Category	Strategy
Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Face coverings indoors in all schools, child care, and extracurricular activities•Enforcement of quarantine and isolation•Reporting all cases and outbreaks to BCPH•Cooperation in case investigations and contact tracing•Cooperation in the distribution of Public Health Notices and quarantine letters to family/guardians•Keeping attendance records, stable cohorts and seating charts where age appropriate•Social distancing as much as possible (3 feet should be the goal minimum)•Symptom screening•Following Return to Learn•Improving ventilation where possible•Promotion of hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette•Routine cleaning
Recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Screening testing•Post-exposure testing•Promotion of vaccinations when available and age appropriate

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- By requiring these layered mitigation strategies and indoor masking, BCPH will be able to significantly reduce the number of quarantines in schools in the coming semester.
 - No quarantines in routine classroom exposures 1st-12th grade
 - Reduce definition of a close contact to 3 feet for 15 minutes over 24 hours (following CDC updates with universal masking)
 - Continue to monitor athletics on case-by-case basis and implement lessons learned to reduce quarantines
 - Anyone who is fully vaccinated and asymptomatic does not have to quarantine
 - Epidemiological monitoring for evidence of transmission

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Signage requirement for school buildings, childcare facilities, and facilities that host youth activities



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Duration:

- until rescinded.
- BCPH will monitor data at least monthly

Questions?

