

Face Coverings April 2021



What is not changing?

- The State DOH declaration of a statewide public health emergency does not go away. Only the Executive (Governor/DOH) can end it.
- **K-12 mask wearing and safety measures are in place through the end of the school year (July 1, 2021 at the latest).**
- The ability for a business to require staff or customers to wear a mask
- All non-mask related public safety measures and orders – physical distancing, vaccination plan, etc.
- Statewide mask mandate remains in place for now.

What changes and when?

- Statewide mask mandate remains in effect until April 10, 2021. On that date, only the mask requirement for large gatherings (50+) where parties are unable to physically distance between parties remains in effect
- This requirement ends the day the three metrics are met: the state's 14-day case rate is less than 191 per 100,000 people; the statewide seven-day average COVID-19 ICU utilization is less than 15%; and the Department of Health provides notice that 1,633,000 prime doses of a COVID-19 vaccine have been allocated to the state.
- An LHD may issue a public health order requiring the wearing of a mask past that date but must have approval from a county legislative body and the order would be void the day the three metrics are met.
- All non-mask related public safety measures and orders in effect until thresholds are met.

Starting July 1, 2021

- The State DOH and/or LHD may issue a mask mandate or other COVID-19 related Health Order.
- However, this would fall under the provisions of SB 195
- Notice to legislative leadership
- Legislature may override or extend