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COVID-19 Update # 36

Masks Now Mandatory in Indoor Public Spaces

The Government of BC has mandated that people 12 and older wear masks in indoor public spaces, regardless of vaccination status. These spaces include:

- malls, shopping centres, coffee shops and retail and grocery stores;
- liquor and drug stores;
- airports, city halls, libraries, community and recreation centres;
- restaurants, pubs and bars (unless seated);
- on public transportation, in a taxi or ride-sharing vehicle;
- areas of office buildings where services to the public are provided;
- common areas of sport and fitness centres when not engaged in physical activity;
- common areas of post-secondary institutions and non-profit organizations; and
- inside schools for all K-12 staff, visitors and students in grades 4-12.



For additional information about this order and exemptions please visit [Government of BC's website](#).

Proof of Vaccination

On August 23, 2021, the Provincial Health Officer announced proof of vaccine requirements to access events, services and businesses. Starting September 13, you must have at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. By October 24, you must be fully vaccinated.

This order applies to all people that are 12 and older and covers:

- Indoor ticketed concerts, theatre, dance, symphony and sporting events
- Indoor and outdoor dining at restaurants, pubs and bars
- Nightclubs and casinos
- Movie theatres
- Gyms, pools and recreation facilities
 - Does not include youth recreational sport
- Indoor high intensity group exercise
- Indoor organized gatherings like weddings, parties, conferences, meetings and workshops
- Indoor organized group recreational classes and activities like pottery and art
 - Does not include K to 12 school and before and after school programs
- Post-secondary on-campus student housing. Note: Students must be partially vaccinated by September 7

Events, businesses and services will ask to see your proof of vaccination and valid government ID.

For information about these requirements please visit the [Government of BC's website](#).

Thank you Ucluetians. Stay strong, be safe and be kind.

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