



Assembly Mask Mandate – EO 2021-3

The Assembly passed an emergency ordinance on October 13, 2021 that requires people wear face masks, or face coverings, over their noses and mouths when they are indoors in areas open to the public, or which are communal spaces shared with other individuals.

Pursuant to EO 2021-3, “The Municipal Manager, Real Estate Department Director, and head of the department with management authority over a Municipal facility is hereby authorized to interpret and apply the exceptions . . .” Therefore, it is hereby interpreted that individuals not wearing a mask, who make an affirmative statement that they cannot tolerate a mask, or qualify for another exemption, outlined in EO 2021-3 are exempt from wearing a mask. Individuals claiming this exemption will be taken at their word as provided by the emergency ordinance.

The requirements of this ordinance do not apply to the following categories of businesses, people, or activities:

- A. Any child under the age of 5 years, but face coverings are recommended for children over 2 years of age.
- B. Individuals who are incarcerated, in police custody, or inside a courtroom; these individuals should follow guidance particular to their location or institution.
- C. Presenters, musicians, others communicating to an audience or being recorded, if they are 10 feet from the audience and all members of the audience are wearing face coverings.
- D. Individuals removing their face coverings to eat, drink, or briefly scratch an itch.
- E. Employees within their own fully enclosed office or workspace or within an unenclosed workspace if they are totally alone.
- F. Fully vaccinated employees working in a separate room from the public and unvaccinated coworkers. Employees wishing to utilize this exception must be able to show evidence to their employer that all employees in the separate room are vaccinated in a manner consistent with workplace anti-discrimination laws.
- G. Individuals performing an activity that cannot be conducted or safely conducted while wearing a face covering.
- H. Individuals who cannot tolerate a face covering due to physical or mental disability. The individual’s or a guardian’s statement that they are exempted is sufficient evidence.
- I. All athletic activities, when a person is actively engaged in that activity. Indoor gyms, fitness centers, boutique fitness clubs, and other businesses or entities, including the school district, may require face coverings regardless of this exemption. This exemption does not apply to spectators not engaged in athletic activity.
- J. Religious Assemblies
- K. The Mayor and his executive team.

Masks may be obtained at the security desk for employees or guests.