

OUTDOOR (UN)MASKING: Fully vaccinated individuals may go unmasked when outside. In addition, no one needs to wear a mask in uncrowded areas when walking down the street, on a dock, or through a park – whether they are vaccinated or not. Those unvaccinated should keep their masks on when in crowded outdoor spaces with extended exposure. Farmers' markets, walking off a ferry, parades, or at an outdoor concert are all examples of outdoor places where anyone unvaccinated must mask up. Workplace requirements may differ, and as always will be determined by WA Labor & Industries. In addition, any facility or property owner may establish their own rules requiring masks in outdoor settings.

FOR OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES WITH KIDS: Participants are strongly advised to maintain current masking guidelines, as most children under age 16, and all children under 12 are not yet vaccinated.

INDOOR MASKING: The CDC guidance specifically mentions that their approach does not replace any local or state regulations. The San Juan County Health Officer order requiring customers to mask up inside businesses remains in place. This applies whether you are vaccinated or not. The reasoning is simple: many island businesses rely on teen-age employees who are only now able to receive their vaccine. Protecting them is vital, especially as we head into Memorial Day weekend.

(above information current as of May 15, 2021)