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**MASK MANDATE GOES IN EFFECT TODAY FOR ST. LOUIS
COUNTY PER ST. LOUIS COUNTY EXECUTIVE DR. SAM PAGE**

A new mask mandate in St. Louis County is now in effect until further notice, St. Louis County Executive Dr. Sam Page announced Monday morning at a press conference. The public health order, which was signed by the acting St. Louis County Health Department director Dr. Faisal Khan, will have the same guidelines as the original mandate announced in July. For more information visit www.stlcorona.com.

The mandate states everyone 5 and older in the county must wear a mask in indoor public places and on public transportation regardless of vaccination status. For purposes of clarity, “indoor and enclosed public buildings and spaces” include all indoor and enclosed spaces other than private dwellings or private transportation vessels.

Face Coverings are recommended in indoor private settings and crowded outdoor settings where there is close contact with other people who may not be fully vaccinated. This is particularly important if an individual is not fully vaccinated.

Face Coverings are not required to be worn by:

Children under the age of 2;

Children between the ages of 2-5 who are strongly encouraged, but not required, to wear a Face Covering while under the direct supervision of an adult; Persons with health conditions that prohibit wearing a Face Covering. Nothing in this Order shall require the use of a Face Covering by any person for whom doing so would be contrary to their health or safety because of a medical condition;

Persons who have trouble breathing, or are unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the Face Covering without assistance; Persons who are deaf or hard of hearing, or someone who is communicating with a person who is deaf or hard of hearing, where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication; Persons who are alone in a separate room, office, or interior space; Persons who are consuming food or drink, including for religious purposes; and Persons who are obtaining a service, including a religious service, involving the nose or face for which temporary removal of the Face Covering is necessary to perform the service.

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