

Thurston County Inclusion COVID Policy

Updated: 2/28/2022

This policy is being guided by the current CDC recommendations, Washington State and Thurston County guidelines.

We will evaluate the transmission date *one week* before the scheduled event, using the previous week's data. The CDC guidelines are [here](#).

If Thurston County is in the Low Transmission according to the CDC	If Thurston County is in the Medium Transmission according to the CDC	If Thurston County is in the High Transmission according to the CDC
<p><u>Low Risk:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Outdoor activities can proceed without masks - For indoor activities, masks are optional for vaccinated and recommend masks for unvaccinated - Distancing not required for indoor or outdoor events 	<p><u>Medium Risk:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Outdoor activities can proceed without masks - Indoor activities require masks for vaccinated and require masks for unvaccinated - 6 feet separation recommended for indoor activities when possible 	<p><u>High Risk:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Outdoor activities require masks when six feet of social distancing cannot be met for vaccinated and unvaccinated participants - Hold no indoor activities; if anyone must enter a building, wear a well-fitting KN95 or N95. - 6 feet of separation required for outdoor activities
Can hold indoor and outdoor activities	Can hold indoor and outdoor activities with modifications	Can hold outdoor activities with modifications

* Find Thurston County COVID Information [here](#).

* Find CDC Community Levels by County [here](#).

We recognize that [we often serve an immuno-compromised and/or high risk population](#). For this reason, we will take [additional precautions recommended by the CDC](#), including requiring masks for *all* participants/volunteers when indoors at Medium or High Indexes.

Overview of [CDC Current Guidelines](#):

Low	Medium	High
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines • Get tested if you have symptoms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you are at high risk for severe illness, talk to your healthcare provider about whether you need to wear a mask and take other precautions • Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines • Get tested if you have symptoms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wear a mask indoors in public • Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines • Get tested if you have symptoms • Additional precautions may be needed for people at high risk for severe illness

The Low, Medium and High Indexes are being calculated using how many people with COVID-19 have been admitted into local hospitals in the last week, how many local hospital beds are filled with COVID-19 patients, and how many new COVID-19 cases the county has had in the last week.

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Current Washington State Guidelines (starting 3/12/2022):

State Indoor Mask Requirements Starting March 12, 2022

Local governments are still able to enact local mask requirements.
Many individuals will choose to continue to wear masks. Please be kind and compassionate.

Still Required:

- Healthcare and medical facilities, including hospitals, outpatient, dental facilities and pharmacies
- Long-term care settings
- Public transit, taxis, and rideshare vehicles (federal requirement)
- Correctional facilities
- Private businesses and local governments that want to require masks for their employees, customers or residents

***Not Required:**

- Schools, childcare facilities and libraries
- Restaurants and bars
- Houses of worship
- Gyms, recreation centers and indoor athletic facilities
- Grocery stores, businesses and retail establishments

*Private businesses can still require masks if they choose. Please respect the rules of the room.

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We will also be following all requirements for events in Thurston County and at our event locations. This specific policy will consider the baseline for events to take place and additional requirements may be added.

If someone tests positive within three days of an indoor event:

1. Identify all close contacts.
 - a. Close Contacts are defined as “who was within 6 feet of an infectious person for a total of 15 minutes.”
2. Notify close contacts with time for when they should test and locations to get tested.
3. Notify all others at the event.

If someone tests positive within three days of an outdoor event:

1. Identify all close contacts.
 - a. Close Contacts are defined as “who was within 6 feet of an infectious person for a total of 15 minutes.”
2. Notify close contacts with time for when they should test and locations to get tested.

Other Policies:

- “Mask Breaks” can occur in well-ventilated areas where 6 feet social distancing can occur.
- In High Risk Transmission, we will use a cohort system.