

HUMAN RESOURCES MEMORANDUM 22-005		DATE ISSUED: 3/2/2022
SUBJECT: GUIDANCE FOR THE USE OF FACE COVERINGS/MASKS		REFERENCE: CDPH Guidance
TO: All DGS Employees		SUPERSEDES: HR Memo 22-003

PLEASE ENSURE THAT THIS INFORMATION IS SHARED WITH EMPLOYEES, CONTRACTORS, VOLUNTEERS, AND VISITORS

Purpose

The purpose of this Human Resources Memorandum (HR Memo) is to provide Department of General Services (DGS) employees with updated guidance and information related to face coverings/masks **effective March 1, 2022**. The guidance for use of face coverings/masks outlined in this HR Memo is applicable to DGS employees, contractors, volunteers, and visitors.

The State of California continues to act to protect public health and safety in the COVID-19 response efforts. To ensure the safety of our employees as the situation evolves, please reference and apply all guidance from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, California Department of Public Health \(CDPH\)](#), and local public health departments. As more guidance is released, the information in this memorandum will be updated accordingly.

Masking Requirements

CDPH announced new masking [guidance](#) for California. Effective March 1, 2022, masks continue to be required for everyone in high transmission settings like public transit, emergency shelters, health care settings, correctional facilities, homeless shelters, and long-term care facilities. In all other settings, it is strongly recommended all individuals wear a mask indoors irrespective of vaccination status. *Unvaccinated individuals are no longer required to mask indoors.*

Local Public Health Orders

Local conditions may warrant local masking requirements based on a combination of factors. Employees working in a county where the local health jurisdiction issues additional public health guidelines tailored for the situation in their communities should continue to follow the local public health guidelines related to masks.

Questions

If employees have questions regarding the guidance and information in this memorandum, they are encouraged to contact their supervisor and/or employee representative as appropriate.

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