

May 14th COVID-19 Update: Face Covering Guideline Changes

The City of West St. Paul has aligned with CDC and State of Minnesota guidance regarding face covering mandates.

The City of West St. Paul has aligned with the most recent CDC and State of Minnesota guidelines regarding the end of Minnesota's statewide mask requirement. The City of West St. Paul is continuing to align with State mandates and is not implementing a City-wide face covering requirement at this time.

Fully Vaccinated Individuals

Individuals are fully vaccinated two weeks after their final dose of vaccine – either the second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine or the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine. The CDC announced Thursday that masks are no longer required for fully-vaccinated individuals, either indoors or outside.

Non-Fully Vaccinated Individuals

Individuals who are not fully vaccinated are strongly recommended to wear face coverings indoors. Minnesotans can find vaccine appointments near them at mn.gov/vaccine.

Private Businesses and Organizations

Private businesses may implement face covering requirements as they see fit. Please be respectful of the policy differences from establishment to establishment and continue to keep masks handy as we make our way through this stage of getting back towards normal.

Exceptions

Public Transportation and Medical Settings: Minnesotans should follow CDC guidance and wear masks in medical settings and on public transportation, whether or not they are fully vaccinated.

Schools: Minnesota's Safe Learning Plan, along with the existing face covering guidance for schools and child care settings, remain in effect.

City Council Meetings: For the upcoming West St. Paul City Council Meeting on May 24th, we ask the public in attendance to wear a mask and socially distance until the City Council is able to discuss and determine how public meetings in West St. Paul will look moving forward. The City Council is expected to discuss the matter during the 5/24/21 Open Council Work Session.

Thank you to all who have received vaccinations to help get our community to a place where we can start to loosen mandates. Please continue to be respectful of those that choose to wear face coverings, despite the loosened mandates. Every individual is in a different situation and some will need to continue to take precautions that are not required.

Stay safe,
City of West St. Paul

