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Princeton Face Covering Requirement – Effective Immediately

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At their January 4, 2022, special meeting, the Princeton Selectboard voted unanimously to require all individuals over the age of 5 years old, regardless of vaccination status, to wear a mask or face covering in indoor public spaces effective immediately. This requirement may be rescinded at any time by a vote of the Princeton Selectboard. **This changes the previously stated effective date of January 18, 2022.**

Public locations include any place open to the public including, without limitation, grocery stores, pharmacies, [retail establishments](#), and restaurants (except when actively eating or drinking.) The Selectboard came to this decision in response to the increased positive COVID-19 cases in the region, and the continued emergence of the Delta and Omicron COVID-19 variants. This local measure is in addition to the [May 29, 2021 requirement of masks in certain locations](#), and does not affect the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's current mask requirement and [Vaccination Rate Threshold Policy](#) issued on September 27, 2021.

The following people are exempt from the face coverings requirement:

- Children under 5 years old
- People for whom a face mask or covering creates a health risk or is not safe
 - the face mask or covering affects the person's ability to breathe safely.
 - the person has a mental health or other medical diagnosis that advises against wearing a face mask or covering.
 - the person has a disability that prevents them from wearing a face mask or covering
 - the person depends on supplemental oxygen to breathe.

How to Get a Vaccination:

Visit the Vaxfinder tool at vaxfinder.mass.gov for a full list of locations to receive a booster. Residents can narrow results to search for locations that are offering boosters. Many locations will be booking appointments out weeks in advance.

For individuals who are unable to use Vaxfinder, or have difficulty accessing the internet, the COVID-19 Vaccine Resource Line (Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM, Saturday and Sunday 9:00 AM-2:00 PM) by calling 2-1-1 and following the prompts is available for assistance. The COVID-19 Vaccine Resource Line is available in English and Spanish and has translators available in approximately 100 additional languages.