

OHA Releases Rules for Outdoor Mask Mandate

Following [the announcement](#) last week from Governor Brown that masks are required in all public outdoor settings where physical distancing is not possible, regardless of vaccination status, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) has released [the accompanying rules](#) for all indoor and outdoor spaces, excluding private homes.

The outdoor mask mandate went into effect **Friday, August 27**. Essentially, OHA has amended the indoor mask rule to include outdoor areas (the indoor mask mandate has been in effect since August 13).

All individuals five and over are required to wear a mask, face covering or face shield at all times when in indoor spaces and in an outdoor space if they cannot or do not consistently maintain at least six feet of distance from others. The rules apply to most outdoor spaces but not private homes or homeless camps. There are also the usual exceptions (sleeping, eating, drinking, etc.).

As with indoor spaces, people responsible for outdoor areas will have to [post signs](#) at all entrances and are expected to enforce the requirements for employees.

The requirements will be enforced by Oregon OSHA in most cases, but OHA does have penalty authority in the rule and may assess penalties against individuals who refuse to comply.

The OHA is also strongly recommending masking for outdoor gatherings at private residences when maintaining physical distance is not possible with individuals from different household.

Statewide Indoor Mask Rules & Guidance

Following the Governor's reinstatement of the statewide mask mandate effective August 13, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and Oregon Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) have published new rules and guidance for indoor public settings.

[View the new OHA mask rules here](#). The [OSHA enforcement guidance can be found here](#) and a [memo on the change in COVID rules can be found here](#).

Here's what our businesses need to know.

Employers are required to ensure that employees, contractors and volunteers wear face masks and make "reasonable efforts" to ensure that customers, guests, visitors and others comply with the requirement. Employers must post signs at every entrance informing individuals that face masks are required. OHA has produced [a sign that employers may use](#), but you are permitted to use your own sign as long as it clearly states the requirements of the OHA rule.

In the enforcement memo OSHA describes what they will consider as evidence that an employer is making a "reasonable effort" to ensure customers, guests, visitors and others are complying if the employer:

- Ensures employees are wearing face coverings
- If practical, provides a regular audio reminder using existing systems – for example, if a store traditionally makes announcements to customers over an audio system, the face mask requirement should also be provided. If a business does not traditionally have such a system or make announcements over a system, they are not required to do so.
- Does not actively contradict the rule requirements – such as posting signs that undercut the message that masks are required or that suggest the business disagrees with the requirement.

Some modifications to the COVID rules included in the memo:

- Physical distancing is no longer required outside of healthcare workplaces.
- Mask requirements will be back in effect after being repealed on June 30.
- Regular cleaning and sanitization requirements are not being enforced outside of healthcare workplaces.

OHA's rule provides for a \$500 per day per violation against individuals who violate the mask requirement and for businesses who fail to abide by the rules. OSHA also has penalty authority against employers and may assess penalties. However, OSHA will be enforcing on a complaint basis and has said they will give employers a grace period of two weeks to come into compliance before conducting inspections. OSHA's [penalty structure](#) is based on the severity of the violation, the employer's history of compliance and employer size. Oregon Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) has published the [official temporary rule](#) for masks in indoor public settings.

Project Leadership Roseburg!

The chamber is accepting applications for its distinguished 2021-22 Project Leadership program, **until 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 1**. The 32nd year of Project Leadership Roseburg will begin on Thursday, September 9, 2021. Project Leadership Roseburg provides participants with comprehensive insight of Douglas County and an understanding of how our community works directly from public and private-sector leaders from throughout our county. The chamber is proud to have graduated nearly 650 community leaders from its leadership program and looks forward to welcoming and working with a new group of future community-minded individuals. For more information about Project Leadership, the 2021-22 workshop schedule and to download an application, [CLICK HERE!](#)

Chamber Membership Luncheon Season Passes on Sale!

The Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce's 2021-22 membership meeting lunch schedule is set and season passes are on sale. The chamber's in-person membership meeting lunches have been moved out a month and are now set to resume on Monday, October 18, 2021. NEVER RSVP for a chamber luncheon again! Attend membership meeting lunches with the purchase of a season pass and not only save money due to the discounted price, but even better, never worry about forgetting to make a reservation. With your season pass, it's all taken care of! Individual season passes for RACC members are \$175. A full table of eight for the entire season is \$1,400. Season passes for 2021-22 may be purchased [ONLINE HERE](#). RACC members interested in paying in advance for a full table for the whole 2021-22 season may purchase online or contact the chamber at roseburg@roseburgareachamber.org to be billed.

Mark the Calendar / 2021-22 Membership Meeting Luncheons

~~Monday, September 20, 2021~~

Monday, October 18, 2021

Monday, November 15, 2021

Monday, January 10, 2022

Monday, February 14, 2022

Monday, March 14, 2022

Monday, April 11, 2022

Monday, May 16, 2022

Added: Monday, June 20, 2022

More Chamber News, "Save The Dates," Event/Program Updates

As chamber programs, activities and events return, be sure and save these dates!

September 9, 2021 2021-22 Project Leadership Commences / [Download Online Application Form](#)

October 18, 2021 Membership Meeting Luncheons Return / Annual Awards Presented

November 9 Business After Hours at Cascade Community Credit Union

November 15, 2021 Economic Forecast 2021

November 15, 2021 Membership Meeting Luncheon

Individual Membership lunch tickets and Economic Forecast ticket sales coming soon!

The Roseburg Area Chamber's 2021 "Shop Chamber & Save" exclusive member-to-member discount program flyer is [online](#).

Check out the chamber's [July/August Business Perspectives newsletter](#). Missed a past issue of *Business Perspectives* or one of those "oh-so-informative" membership email blasts? No worries. They are posted on the chamber website on the [Monthly Newsletter page](#) . . . just scroll.

"The whole world is short staffed. Please be kind to those that showed up."

Debbie

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