

Mandatory Face Covering FAQ

Why do I need to wear a face covering?

Aspen City Council is mandating face coverings to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Specifically, masks can protect those more susceptible to contracting the disease from those who are carrying it and are asymptomatic. In addition, by limiting the spread of the disease, face coverings can contribute to lessening the impact on critical services like medical, ambulance, hospital, and first responders. Any action that can help prevent the spread of COVID-19 contributes to the City of Aspen's recovery.

See below for rules and exceptions.

Where should a face covering be worn?

A face covering must be worn at all times when inside a place of business that is open to the public (i.e. grocery stores, pharmacies, etc.), as well as on public transportation like buses and taxis. Face coverings must also be worn indoors and outdoors in public places within Aspen's Mandatory Mask Zone. In addition, masks must be worn outside of the Mandatory Mask Zone indoors and outdoors in public places when a six-foot distance cannot be maintained from others.

Where is the Mandatory Mask Zone?

West boundary: Aspen Street

East Boundary: Original Street /Neal Avenue to Herron Park

South Boundary: Aspen Mountain

North Boundary: Roaring Fork River

Highlands transportation and commercial zone

***Please see map on last page**

What is an outdoor public space?

Outdoor public place means an outdoor place to which the public or a substantial number of the public has access, including, but not limited to, any street, sidewalk, public alley, public parking lot, park, playground, and the common areas of any public and private buildings and facilities.

What is an indoor public space?

Indoor public place means an indoor place to which the public or a substantial number of the public has access, including, but not limited to, any common areas of any public and private buildings and facilities.

What is a proper face covering?

Our regulations define a face covering as a piece of material that securely covers your mouth and nose and can stay on your face without being held up by your hands. Although other face coverings will be acceptable, the CDC has suggested that a proper face covering will:

- Fit snugly on your face
- Have ties or ear loops
- Have multiple layers of fabric
- Allow for proper breathing
- Be machine washable

Who does *not* need to wear a face covering?

- Young children under the age of 2
- People with health conditions that would prevent them from being able to safely wear a face covering
- People, while seated, who are eating and drinking
- People who have entered a restaurant or bar may remove the face covering pursuant to Pitkin County and State regulations
- People working in a professional office who do not have face-to-face interactions with the public or co-workers as allowed by Pitkin County of State regulations
- People in an automobile alone or with members of their household

When will this policy be in effect?

The mandatory face covering policy for the City of Aspen will remain in effect until May 1, 2021 but may be extended.

What are the penalties for not complying?

The penalties for not complying with this order are the following:

- A fine of \$50 for the first offense
- A fine of \$250 for the second offense
- For all subsequent offenses, a mandatory court appearance and a fine of up to \$2,650 and/or a sentence of up to 1 year in prison

FOR BUSINESS OWNERS

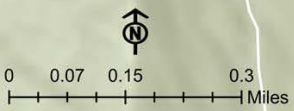
No business open to the public shall permit any individual not wearing a face covering to enter or remain in the business unless that individual is excepted from wearing a face covering as described above. Businesses that choose to offer masks to customers prior to entering must provide new, clean or otherwise previously unworn masks.

Restaurants may allow individuals to remove their face coverings once the individual is seated at a table for dining. The individual must wear the face covering any time he or she is not seated at their table.

Any business open to the public that permits an individual to enter or remain in the business without a required face covering is subject to the suspension or revocation of its business or liquor license pursuant to Sec. 5.04.065 and Sec. 14.08.140 of the City of Aspen Municipal Code as well as the penalty provisions contained in section 2.8 of this public health order.



BOUNDARIES
West: Aspen Street
East: Original St./Neal Ave. to Herron Park
South: Aspen Mountain
North: Roaring Fork River
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NOTE: The entire right-of-way of any street set forth as a border of the Zone is included within the Zone.

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 Source: City of Aspen GIS

CITY OF ASPEN MANDATORY FACE COVERING ZONE

