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Updated CDC Guidance on Masking and COVID Testing

On July 27, 2021, in response to the spread of the Delta variant of COVID-19, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated its [guidance for fully vaccinated people](#). The masking and testing guidance for unvaccinated people has not changed.

Masking

Under its new guidance, the CDC now recommends that fully vaccinated people wear masks indoors in public if they are in an area of high or substantial community spread. As of August 3, 2021, all NYC counties are designated as either high or substantial. County transmission levels are captured and reported [here](#).

Individuals who are at increased risk for severe disease due to a weakened immune system, age, or an underlying medical condition, or those living in households with individuals at increased risk or with unvaccinated individuals, might choose to wear masks regardless of the level of transmission in the area.

Testing

With respect to testing, the CDC is now recommending that fully vaccinated individuals test for COVID-19 between three to five days after exposure (even if asymptomatic), wear masks indoors in public for either 14 days post-exposure or until receiving a negative test result, and isolate for 10 days after a positive test result.

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