COVID-19 UPDATE: WA State & King County to Lift Indoor Mask Requirements Starting March 12, 2022

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Hello Market Community,
Last week Governor Inslee announced that Washington State, along with Oregon and California, is lifting its indoor mask mandate on March 12 and not March 21. Due to new CDC guidance and continued decreases in hospitalization rates, King County announced that local indoor mask order will end concurrently with the state’s order on March 11, 2022.

**When mask use becomes a personal choice, it is imperative to respect the choices of others.** Those who continue masking after the mandate expires are welcome to do so, and their decision will be honored - just like the decision not to wear a mask will also be honored. Please note that masks may still be required for those who recently tested positive for COVID-19, were identified as a close contact with someone with COVID-19 or for other reasons identified by the Department of Health.

See below for places that masks are still required.

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**State Indoor Mask Requirements Starting March 12, 2022**

Local governments are still able to enact local mask requirements.
Many individuals will choose to continue to wear masks. Please be kind and compassionate.

**Still Required:**
- Healthcare and medical facilities, including hospitals, outpatient, dental facilities and pharmacies
- Long-term care settings
- Public transit, taxis, and rideshare vehicles (federal requirement)
- Correctional facilities
- Private businesses and local governments that want to require masks for their employees, customers or residents

**Not Required:**
- Schools, childcare facilities and libraries
- Restaurants and bars
- Houses of worship
- Gyms, recreation centers and indoor athletic facilities
- Grocery stores, businesses and retail establishments

*Private businesses can still require masks if they choose. Please respect the rules of the room.*

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