



Lummi Nation Updated Living with COVID Policy Framework

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In recognition of health, social, cultural, and economic necessity of maintaining a flexible response to the evolving COVID pandemic, Lummi Nation updated its Living with COVID Policy Framework on March 15, 2022 and again on October 4, 2022.

The framework adopted in March 2022 removed many restrictions included in prior COVID policies (including travel restrictions and limits on gathering size) and instead adjusted masking requirements according to the level of COVID risk faced by Lummi Nation. It also provided guidance to individuals vulnerable to getting severe COVID regarding how they may want to further modify their behavior during higher levels of COVID risk.

In October 2022, the framework was again modified to further reduce the masking requirements associated with each of the COVID risk levels and to raise the threshold need to meet metrics in several risk levels. These adjustments were made in response to COVID's decreasing morbidity and mortality as a result of effective vaccines and therapeutics. They also followed in the footsteps of reductions in masking requirements at the state and federal levels.¹

The masking framework below depends on weekly updates of Lummi Nation's COVID risk rating, which is published every Friday by Lummi Public Health. If the metrics suggest different risk levels, the highest level is selected. Each color rating has an associated table explaining masking *requirements* for anyone inside LIBC buildings and employees on LIBC-sponsored business and *recommendations* for all members of the Lummi community.

Current Lummi Nation COVID policies regarding isolation, quarantine, and events remain in force, regardless of the changes to the COVID risk rating. In addition, please note:

More vulnerable people have underlying risk factors for getting more seriously sick from COVID, for example: people over the age of 65 or under the age of 1; people taking immunosuppressive medications; people with certain underlying medical problems; people who are not vaccinated against COVID .

If the COVID risk level is Red and there is a severe variant of the COVID virus in circulation, Lummi Public Health will advise additional temporary policies to reduce COVID transmission, such as universal work-from-home policies, limiting large events, etc.

¹“Masks Guidance During COVID-19” *Washington State Department of Health*. Updated 9/12/22. Last accessed 9/30/22. [COVID-19 Mask Guidance \(wa.gov\)](https://www.wa.gov/health/COVID-19/Mask-Guidance)

Lummi Nation COVID Risk Rating Scale²

Metric	Rating			
# outbreaks at LIBC entities (LNS, ELP, Casino, etc.) in the past 7 days (outbreak=3 or more cases)	0	1 or 2	3 or 4	5 or more
% of eligible people contacted for treatment within 48 hours of positive COVID test being reported (7-day average)	>95	85-94	84-76	<75
% hospital beds at PH occupied by patients w/ COVID (7-day average)	<5	6-10	11-25	>25
# New COVID cases reported in Lummi Nation over past 7 days ²	<30	30-60	61-90	>90
Known emerging variant of concern with immune escape present in the United States	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
% Lummi tribal members up-to-date ³ on their COVID vaccines in each eligible age category (5-11, 12+ as of March 2022)	>80% in all age categories	<80% in at least 1 age category	<80% in at least 1 age category	<80% in at least 1 age category
CDC COVID Community Level	Low	Medium	High	High

²If the metrics above suggest different risk levels, the highest level is selected.

³Up-to-date on COVID vaccines means that you have received all the vaccines that are recommended

Mask Guidance According to COVID Risk Level

Risk level	Mask Guidance
Red	Medical masks required
Orange	Medical masks required
Yellow	Masks recommended ⁴
Green	Masks optional ⁵

⁴Masks are required in level “yellow” in Lummi healthcare facilities (staff and patients), and for Early Learning Program staff, Little Bear Creek staff, Lummi transportation staff and riders, in Lummi police dept vehicles when transporting clients, in courtrooms and in any building or department with an outbreak in the past 7 days.

⁵Masks are required in level “green” in Lummi healthcare facilities (staff and patients), and in any building or department with an outbreak in the past 7 days.