

# Alaska State Legislature

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Representative Sara Hannan  
Chair, Legislative Council

**FROM:** Jessica Geary   
Executive Director

**DATE:** August 11, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Amendment to Legislative Council COVID-19 Mitigation Policy

Attached is the Legislative Council COVID-19 Mitigation Policy with proposed amendments prepared by your office for Council's consideration. The goal of this proposal is to maintain a safe workplace for legislators, staff, and visitors in all legislative facilities by ensuring policies are based primarily on Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidance and regulations.

The CDC recently updated [guidance](#) for fully vaccinated people in consideration of new evidence regarding the Delta variant which suggests that fully vaccinated people can spread the Delta variant to others, even if asymptomatic. In short, regardless of vaccination status, the CDC recommends masking in public indoor settings, especially in areas of substantial or high transmission. This recommendation is echoed by Alaska's chief medical officer, Dr. Anne Zink, who recently said that everyone in communities with widespread infection should consider masking up again indoors.

Alaska is currently experiencing high and substantial levels of community transmission in several regions (see attached). Specifically, Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, and Mat-Su, as well as other areas are rated at the highest level of community transmission. In response, the City and Borough of Juneau implemented a mask mandate effective July 30: Masks/face coverings must be worn indoors in public areas regardless of vaccination status, per [CBJ Risk Metrics and Mitigation Strategies](#).

The Municipality of Anchorage, Fairbanks North Star Borough, and the Mat-Su Borough have not implemented any mandates as of August 11, 2021, and there are currently no state mandates.

#### Attachments:

Proposed Amended Mitigation Policy (a track changes copy and a clean copy)  
CDC COVID-19 Data Tracker Map: Alaska Aug 3-9, 2021