



Legislative Council

COVID-19 Mitigation Policy

Amended August 16, 2021

Based on revised Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidance, all legislative facilities remain open to the public under the following protocols:

I. Face Coverings/Masks

Face coverings/masks are required in all legislative facilities regardless of vaccination status.

While the wearing of masks in individual legislator offices is optional, every office must observe masking protocol if LAA or lounge staff enter to perform duties. If you are unwilling to comply with this requirement, LAA and lounge staff will not be entering your office.

Face coverings must be made from a cloth or other barrier material that prevents the discharge and release of respiratory droplets from a person's nose or mouth. Acceptable face coverings are clean medical or surgical masks, approved face shields, or clean cloth masks made of tightly woven material of multiple layers. Unacceptable face coverings are bandanas, gaiters, or masks with a valve (such as N95 masks).

If a person declines to wear a mask or face covering because of a medical condition or disability, this policy does not require proof in the form of medical documentation; however, legislators and legislative employees must work through the confidential Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accommodation process with Personnel.

II. Social Distancing

All legislators, staff, and visitors are encouraged to practice social distancing in offices, committee rooms, and in common areas of legislative facilities.

III. Screening

Visitors, legislators, and legislative staff must self-screen for symptoms prior to entering a legislative facility. Those experiencing fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms associated with COVID-19 should stay home. Individuals in legislative facilities presenting with symptoms may be asked to leave the premises until symptoms are no longer present.

IV. Testing

Testing for the COVID-19 virus is **recommended** in the following circumstances:

1. An individual experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms.
2. An individual returning to work after traveling, especially if travel were to a community experiencing a high rate of infection.

V. Positive Test/Close Contact

The Legislature will follow CDC guidance for individuals who test positive and/or who are a close contact of a person who tests positive.

VI. Updated Policy/Effect

This policy as amended is effective immediately. Should relevant CDC guidance be loosened, this policy shall conform accordingly.

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