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HEALTH DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS VOLUNTARY MASK-WEARING IN INDOOR PUBLIC PLACES IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

Largo, MD – Due to the highly transmissible Omicron variant, COVID-19 cases have been steadily rising in Prince George's County and the State over the last six weeks. This recent rise is substantially lower compared to the winter Omicron case surge and County COVID-19 hospitalizations remain relatively low*.

However, out of an abundance of caution and to help the County avoid rising into the CDC's "Medium" [COVID-19 Community Level](#), the Prince George's County Health Department recommends residents ages two and older wear masks in indoor public places **voluntarily**.

Masks remain required in congregate health care settings, County public schools and libraries, and in any business or organization that chooses to require them.

Residents five and older should get vaccinated against COVID-19 as soon as possible if they are not already, and those 12 and older should get a booster dose (if you are 50 or older you can get a second booster dose).

Continue to [get tested](#) if you feel sick or were exposed to someone with COVID-19. If you test positive, please stay home for at least five days and follow [CDC isolation guidance](#). COVID-19 treatment is also [available at pharmacies](#) across the region as part of the federal government's [Test-To-Treat program](#).

*County-level numbers are updated regularly on the department's [COVID-19 data dashboard](#) under the Current Status tab.

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