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Mask guidance by county

The federal guidance for schools dovetails with updated recommendations for people living in areas experiencing coronavirus outbreaks.

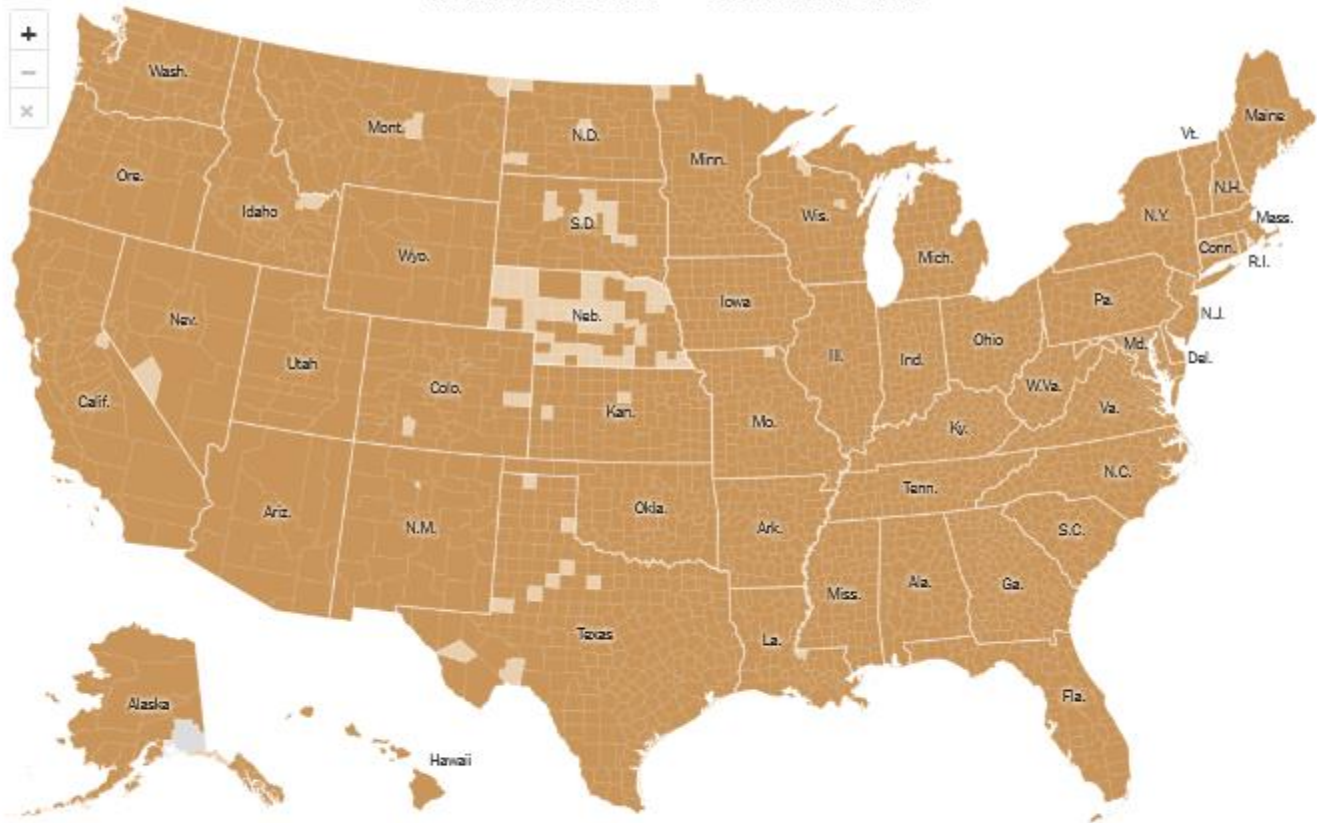
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Where the C.D.C. Recommends Wearing a Mask Indoors

Guidance is based on the C.D.C.’s assessment of the level of community transmission in each county.

Recommended for everyone Optional for the vaccinated



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - Note: Community transmission level is based on C.D.C. case data for the week ending Sept. 1 and test positivity data for the week ending Aug. 30.

The guidance reflects the recent surge of coronavirus cases in many parts of the country, fueled by the highly contagious Delta variant. Though the C.D.C. has been criticized for its back-and-forth recommendations on masks, public health experts say the most recent change was necessary.

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2021/us/cdc-mask-guidance-states.html> (c)

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