

## Interim COVID-19 Mitigation Strategy for Chicago Businesses:

[COVID-19 community levels](#) are a tool developed by CDC to help decide what prevention measures to take based on local COVID-19 data. Levels can be low, medium, or high. They are based on 3 metrics: the number of new cases of COVID-19, the number of hospital admissions due to COVID-19, and the proportion of local hospital beds occupied by patients with COVID-19. This guide is intended for **non-healthcare workplaces** within Chicago. For additional questions or to access more complete workplace guidance, visit the [CDPH website](https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/sites/covid-19/home/latest-guidance.html) (<https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/sites/covid-19/home/latest-guidance.html>) or email [workplaceCOVID@cityofchicago.org](mailto:workplaceCOVID@cityofchicago.org).

	Low	Medium	High
<b>Vaccine</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage staff to stay up to date with COVID vaccines</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage staff to stay up to date with COVID vaccines</li> <li><b>Consider hosting on-site vaccine clinics for staff and their family members</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage staff to stay up to date with COVID vaccines</li> <li><b>Consider hosting on-site vaccine clinics for staff and their family members</b></li> </ul>
<b>Masking</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Universal indoor masking <b>optional</b> for staff and visitors</li> <li>Masking required for staff when returning from isolation days 6-10, when returning from quarantine days 6-10, or if staying in school (vaccinated or Test to Stay) after exposure</li> <li><a href="#">OSHA guidance</a> advises employers to provide workers with face coverings unless their work requires a respirator</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Universal indoor masking <b>strongly recommended</b> for staff and visitors</li> <li>Masking required when returning from isolation days 6-10, when returning from quarantine days 6-10, or if staying in school (vaccinated or Test to Stay) after exposure</li> <li><a href="#">OSHA guidance</a> advises employers to provide workers with face coverings unless their work requires a respirator</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Universal masking required indoors</b> for all staff and visitors, regardless of exposure or vaccine status.</li> <li><a href="#">OSHA guidance</a> advises employers to provide workers with face coverings unless their work requires a respirator</li> </ul>
<b>Testing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Facilitate testing for any worker with symptoms of COVID-19</li> <li>Facilitate testing for any worker exposed to COVID-19 5-7 days after their exposure if fully vaccinated and both immediately</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Facilitate testing for any worker with symptoms of COVID-19</li> <li>Facilitate testing for any worker exposed to COVID-19 5-7 days after their exposure if fully vaccinated and both immediately</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Facilitate testing for any worker with symptoms of COVID-19</li> <li>Facilitate testing for any worker exposed to COVID-19 5-7 days after their exposure if fully vaccinated and both immediately</li> </ul>

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<b>CICT and Quarantine</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitor cases of COVID-19 within the workplace</li> <li>• Notify workers if they may have been exposed to COVID-19 at work</li> <li>• City-licensed businesses are required to notify CDPH if they have 5 or more known COVID-19 cases within 14 days using our <a href="https://redcap.dph.illinois.gov/surveys/?s=FR7MAJAY84">Online Case Report Form</a> (https://redcap.dph.illinois.gov/surveys/?s=FR7MAJAY84)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitor cases of COVID-19 within the workplace</li> <li>• Notify workers if they may have been exposed to COVID-19 at work</li> <li>• City-licensed businesses are required to notify CDPH if they have 5 or more known COVID-19 cases within 14 days using our <a href="https://redcap.dph.illinois.gov/surveys/?s=FR7MAJAY84">Online Case Report Form</a> (https://redcap.dph.illinois.gov/surveys/?s=FR7MAJAY84)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitor cases of COVID-19 within the workplace</li> <li>• Notify workers if they may have been exposed to COVID-19 at work</li> <li>• City-licensed businesses are required to notify CDPH if they have 5 or more known COVID-19 cases within 14 days using our <a href="https://redcap.dph.illinois.gov/surveys/?s=FR7MAJAY84">Online Case Report Form</a> (https://redcap.dph.illinois.gov/surveys/?s=FR7MAJAY84)</li> </ul>
<b>Ventilation</b>	<a href="#">Improve ventilation</a> per CDC guidance	<a href="#">Improve ventilation</a> per CDC guidance	<a href="#">Improve ventilation</a> per CDC guidance