

# Vaccines in Kentucky Poll COVID-19 Policies for Mitigation



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The Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky's Vaccines in Kentucky Poll, conducted in August 2021, asked Kentuckians their opinions on the COVID-19 vaccine and public health measures that can help mitigate the spread of the disease. At the time of the poll, COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths were surging in Kentucky as the highly contagious Delta variant quickly spread. The CDC fully approved the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine on August 23, 2021 for those ages 16 years and older. The Pfizer vaccine continued to be available to people ages 12 to 15 through an emergency use authorization (EUA). The Moderna and Janssen/Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccines also continued to be available under EUA for individuals 18 years and older.

## Policies for Mitigation

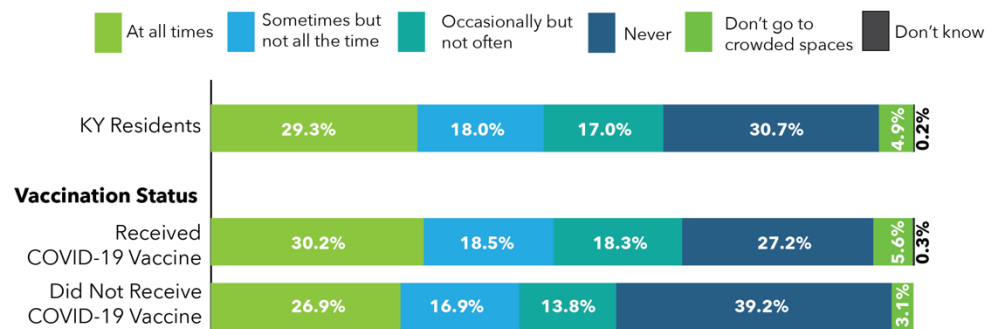
Opinions are split when it comes to what precautions Kentuckians are comfortable with to guard against the coronavirus – from wearing a mask to showing proof of vaccine to enter businesses.

### Masks

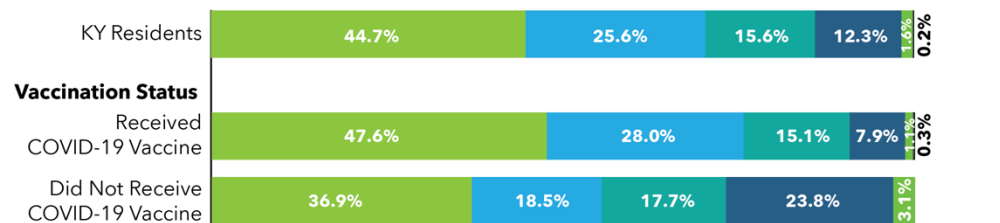
One-in-three Kentuckians reports always wearing a mask in an outdoor crowded public space, while one-third wear a mask sometimes or occasionally, and one-third never wear a mask. More than a quarter of those who have taken the COVID-19 vaccine never wear a mask, while almost four-in-10 who have not gotten the vaccine never wear a mask.

Almost half of Kentuckians say they always wear a mask indoors in a crowded public space. This includes almost half of those who have been vaccinated and more than one-third of those who have not received the COVID-19 vaccine. More than half of women report wearing a mask at all times in a crowded, indoor public space compared to just over one-in-three men. Almost a quarter of those unvaccinated say they never wear a mask indoors in a crowded public space.

## HOW OFTEN ARE YOU WEARING A MASK WHEN OUTDOORS IN A CROWDED PUBLIC SPACE?



## HOW OFTEN ARE YOU WEARING A MASK WHEN INDOORS IN A CROWDED PUBLIC PLACES?



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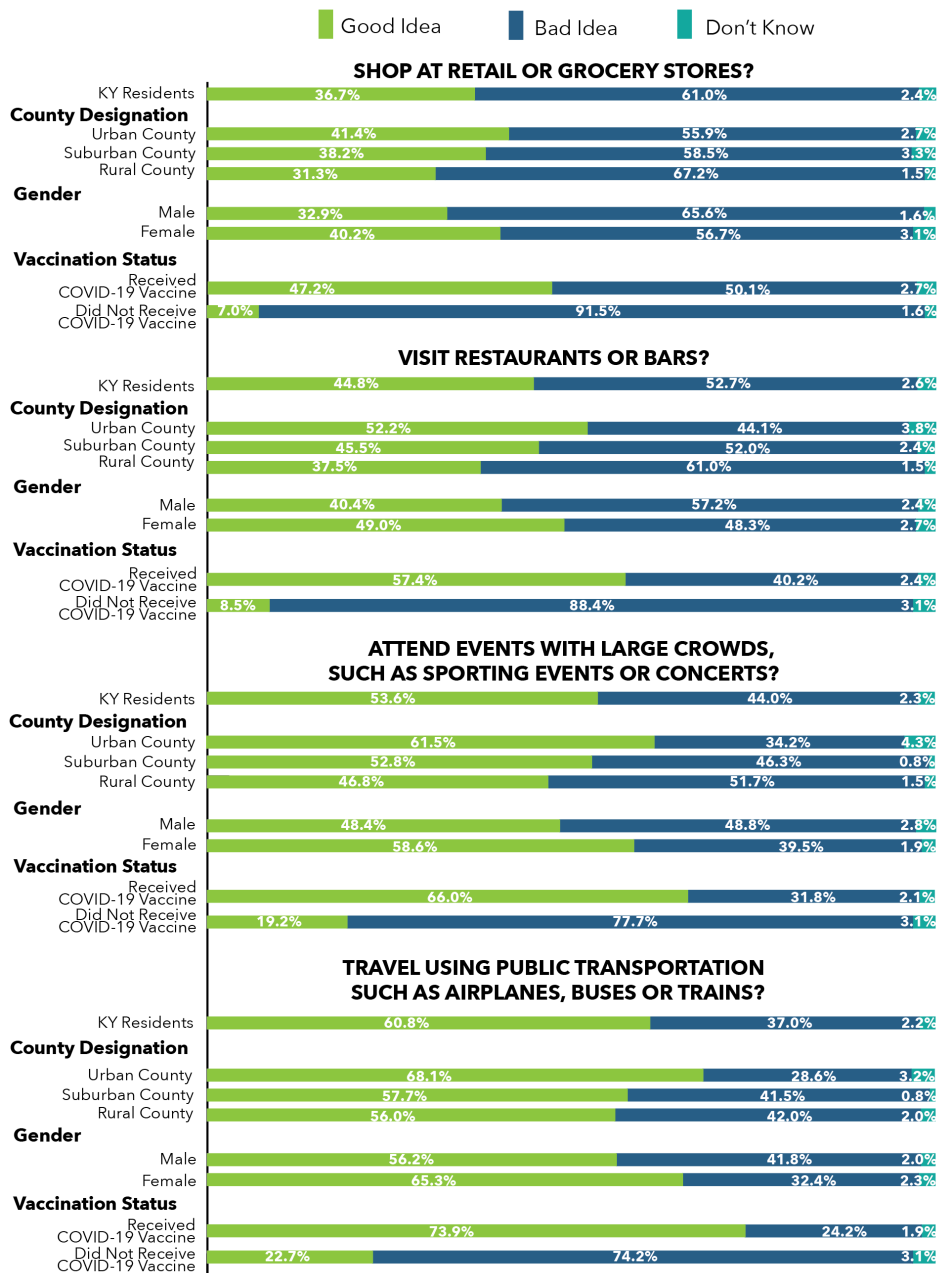
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## Proof of Vaccination

When it comes to showing proof of vaccination to enter a business, Kentuckians are split.

- Two-thirds think it's a bad idea to require proof of vaccine to enter a grocery or retail store.
- And while slightly more than half think it's a bad idea for restaurants and bars to require proof of vaccination, slightly more than half think it's a good idea for sporting events and concerts to require people to show their vaccine card.
- There is more consensus when it comes to public transportation. Nearly two-thirds of Kentuckians think it's a good idea to require proof of vaccination to board a plane or ride a train or bus.

## DO YOU THINK IT IS A GOOD IDEA OR A BAD IDEA FOR BUSINESSES TO REQUIRE PEOPLE TO SHOW PROOF OF COVID-19 VACCINATION IN ORDER TO ...



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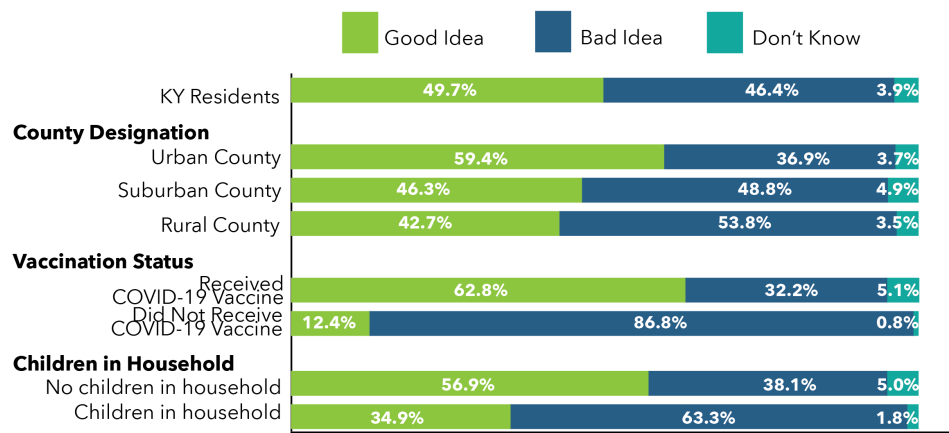


## Student Vaccine Mandates

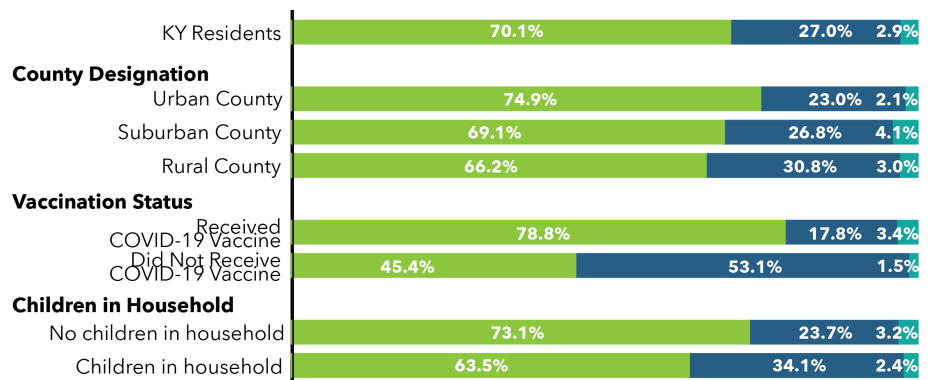
Kentuckians are split on whether children ages 12 and older should be required to get the COVID-19 vaccine to attend school in-person. However, two-thirds of people who live with children in their home think it's a bad idea.

More than two-thirds of Kentuckians think it's a good idea for schools to require unvaccinated children to wear masks at school. For those who have children living in their homes, that number drops just below two-thirds.

## DO YOU THINK IT'S A GOOD IDEA OR A BAD IDEA FOR SCHOOLS TO REQUIRE CHILDREN AGE 12 AND OVER TO GET A VACCINATION FOR COVID-19 BEFORE BEING ALLOWED TO GO TO SCHOOL IN-PERSON?



## DO YOU THINK IT'S A GOOD IDEA OR A BAD IDEA FOR SCHOOLS TO REQUIRE CHILDREN WHO ARE NOT VACCINATED AGAINST COVID-19 TO WEAR MASKS IF THEY GO TO SCHOOL IN-PERSON?



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