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## Dealer Bulletin: COVID-19 Mask Information May 14, 2021

### To Mask or Not to Mask: Is it Still a Question?

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After a year of mandated mask wearing in Kentucky, Governor Andy Beshear announced yesterday that the Commonwealth would “immediately” implement the CDC’s updated guidance on mask-wearing for individuals. Under the new guidance, fully vaccinated individuals are no longer required to wear masks or physically distance indoors or outdoors, regardless of crowd size. A copy of the Governor’s Executive Order is attached hereto.

Governor Beshear announced today that on June 11, 2021, mask requirements will be eliminated for ALL individuals, whether vaccinated or not, and all business capacity restrictions will be lifted. On that date businesses can increase the current 75% capacity to 100% capacity.

But do not dispose of all your masks just yet. As with all government guidance, there are exceptions. These exceptions include: K-12 schools, daycares, preschools, public transportation, hospitals, doctors’ offices, long-term care facilities, and communal living spaces like shelters or prisons. The CDC also noted that vaccinated individuals must continue to follow state and local rules. Further, it is possible that some private businesses will continue to request that customers wear masks.

Kentucky’s commitment to following the CDC guidance means that you are no longer required to enforce a mask mandate in your dealership for employees or visitors who are fully vaccinated, unless there is local community guidance to the contrary. Realistically, it is unlikely that customers who have chosen not to get the vaccine will voluntarily comply with the mask mandate. However, the change may offer an incentive for employees who have been reluctant to be vaccinated, if vaccinated co-workers are not required to wear masks. While this guidance could change in the event of a surge in Covid-19 cases or the appearance of a vaccine-resistant variant, it remains positive news for the Commonwealth’s return to normalcy.

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