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KS governor requiring masks for state workers, buildings

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Gov. Laura Kelly says she's imposing a mask mandate for Kansas state government workers and visitors to state buildings.

She said Wednesday that she's acting in the wake of what she called a "self-inflicted" surge in new COVID-19 cases fueled by the faster-spreading delta variant.

Kelly's announcement came after a central Kansas school district mandated masks in its building and public health officials in two of the state's most populous counties recommended that even vaccinated residents wear masks in at least some indoor public spaces.

Kelly's order takes effect Monday and is set to apply in 84 of the state's 105 counties and to almost 39,000 state government workers.

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