



STAFF UPDATE REGARDING COVID-19

Mask Mandate

October 25, 2022

As staff is aware, the LDF Tribal Council issued a resolution (51(22)) in February of this year to continue requiring mask-wearing in PCHC, FRC, Gookomis Endaad, and PC Dental. Since that time the CDC guidelines have been updated to reflect that when community transmission levels are not high, healthcare facilities could choose not to require universal use of masks.

On October 24, 2022, PCHC Administration's request to lift the mask mandate was approved. *Therefore as of today's date, the following guidelines are in place:*

Staff, patients, and visitors are no longer required to don masks UNLESS:

- You are presently having symptoms consistent with COVID-19;
- You have a confirmed case of COVID-19 or other respiratory infection;
- You are deemed a close contact of someone positive for COVID-19;
- You are treating a patient with COVID-19 symptoms, you are then encouraged to don a mask.

This lifting of the mandate is only in effect when the community transmission level is below **HIGH**, as determined by our Community Health Department. **Should we reach a HIGH level again, masks will be required.**

Any staff, patients or visitors who are not symptomatic but choose to still wear a mask based upon personal preference, may do so.

Still in effect: Anyone working for PCHC or FRC are still required to be vaccinated against COVID-19 unless granted a medical or religious exemption.

If you have any questions, please contact Jen or Dave.