CDC Guidance for Fully Vaccinated People - Mask Wearing

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What's Changed: Updated guidance to align with latest CDC guidance.

MercyOne continues to follow Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and other authority guidance in our work environments.

On May 20, 2021, the CDC issued updated guidance on mask wearing for those who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19. MercyOne’s guidance for wearing a mask at work stays in effect for all colleagues, patients, residents, visitors, and all other persons at all MercyOne facilities where health care is delivered and will not change at this time. MercyOne continues to require masks and physical distancing when inside our facilities. This is consistent with CDC guidelines for health care facilities.

Effective immediately, fully vaccinated colleagues who work in settings where health care is NOT delivered are not required to wear a mask or maintain physical distancing, in line with the latest CDC guidance for non-health care delivery locations. Fully vaccinated colleagues who opt to not wear a mask in those limited settings will be asked to provide proof of their COVID-19 vaccine. Instructions will be available at a later date. Colleagues who are not fully vaccinated must continue to follow existing masking, physical distancing and other safety protocols in those locations.

Colleagues who work in administrative offices in buildings where health care is delivered are required to continue masking and follow existing safety protocols, in accordance with CDC guidance for health care.

We continue to encourage everyone to get vaccinated as they are eligible. COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective and are the main reason for the CDC’s relaxed guidance, as well as state and local health authorities. Thank you for your continued commitment to the health and safety of all our colleagues.