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**Sent:** Wednesday, July 28, 2021 9:02 AM  
**Subject:** Changes to Hanford Site COVID-19 Safety Protocols

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## THE HANFORD SITE

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**TO:** All Hanford Site Employees

**SUBJECT: Changes to Hanford Site COVID-19 Safety Protocols**

**\*\*PLEASE SHARE THIS MESSAGE WITH THOSE WHO ARE NOT ON COMPUTERS\*\***

Yesterday, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued revised guidance related to COVID-19 and wearing masks indoors in areas experiencing substantial or high transmission rates. The communities surrounding Hanford, as with many places around the world, are experiencing a resurgence in COVID-19 case rates, likely due to the Delta variant of the virus. Current case rates in Benton and Franklin counties indicate we are considered an area of high transmission.

As we have done throughout the pandemic, the Hanford Site will be updating our COVID-19 safety guidelines to align with the revised CDC guidance and DOE guidance issued today. Effective immediately, all Hanford Site personnel are required to wear masks while indoors, regardless of vaccination status, except when employees are alone and in closed offices with the doors closed. When eating or drinking, masks may be removed as long as you are at least six feet from another individual. Individuals who are conducting work utilizing controls and/or personal protective equipment identified in a job hazards analysis or similar evaluation should implement the controls identified as part of that analysis; however, the COVID-19 risk needs to be factored into decisions as to appropriate respiratory protection. Individuals who have a medical or religious reason why they cannot wear masks may request an accommodation, as appropriate.

We will continue to monitor CDC guidance and our community COVID-19 situation, including area hospital capacity, to determine future changes to our safety guidelines.

We understand that this change may be discouraging, however it's important to remember it is intended to protect the health and safety of our workforce and our loved ones. Thank you to everyone

who has chosen to be vaccinated and everyone who continues to practice COVID-19 safety precautions at work and at home.

Contractor and DOE leadership will be revising policies and procedures in accordance with this change. If you have questions or concerns, you're encouraged to work with your management chain. Thank you for your patience, your commitment to safety and your dedication to the One Hanford mission.

