

# THE HANFORD SITE

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August 19, 2022

**TO:** All Hanford Contractor Employees

**SUBJECT: Masks Optional at the Hanford Site August 20-26**

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

For the week of **August 20 – 26**, 2022, the Community Level in Benton and Franklin counties remain low. Based on this status, masks are **optional** at Hanford Site facilities regardless of vaccination status. Masks are still required for anyone visiting HPMC OMS or other healthcare facilities.

Teams have reviewed recent changes to guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Safer Federal Workforce Task Force. At this time, there is no change to our guidelines or requirements at Hanford.

A copy of the current metrics that determine our community level is attached. This is derived from the CDC [Integrated County View of community levels](#).

If you have any questions, please work with your management. Thank you for doing your part to keep Hanford safe.



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Department of Energy  
COVID-19 Tracking - HQ

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Community Level <b>Low</b>	Cases Per 100k <b>172.89</b>	Admissions Per 100k <b>8.70</b>	% Staffed Inpatient Bed <b>4.20%</b>
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## Current Status

The Hanford Site has completed phase 3 of the COVID-19 re-entry.

On 25 February, the Safer Federal Workforce Task Force (Task Force) issued initial implementation guidance on COVID-19 Community Levels, which measure the impact of COVID-19 illness on health and healthcare systems. Hanford is relying on this data to determine the COVID-19 Community Level for a given facility by looking to the COVID-19 Community Level for Benton and Franklin counties. Where a locality imposes more protective pandemic-related safety requirements, those requirements should be followed in Federal facilities within that locality.

In Washington, the Governor updated Proclamation 20-25 (Washington Ready) to rescind the face covering requirement in most places. The face covering requirement will remain in place in healthcare settings, long-term care facilities, and correctional facilities and jails.

## CDC Community Rates

Population	7 Day Total Cases	Cases Per 100k
299,612	518	172.89

## CDC Community Trending (Benton & Franklin County) ~ Last 12 Weeks

