

**Subject:** Community Level Medium – Masks Remain Optional at the Hanford Site Aug. 27 – Sept. 2  
**Attachments:** COVID-19 TRACKING 08252022.pdf

## THE HANFORD SITE

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August 26, 2022

**TO:** All Hanford Contractor Employees

**SUBJECT: Community Level Medium – Masks Remain Optional at the Hanford Site Aug. 27 – Sept. 2**

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

For the week of **Aug. 27 – Sept. 2**, 2022, the Community Level in Benton and Franklin counties has changed to medium. Based on the current status, masks remain **optional** at Hanford Site facilities regardless of vaccination status. Masks are still required for anyone visiting HPMC OMS or other healthcare facilities.

A copy of the current metrics that determine our community level is attached. This is derived from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [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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<p>Community Level</p> <h1>Medium</h1>	<p>Cases Per 100k</p> <h1>151.53</h1>	<p>Admissions Per 100k</p> <h1>10.70</h1>	<p>% Staffed Inpatient Bed</p> <h1>4.70%</h1>
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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	454	151.53

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

