

ANNOUNCEMENT

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Hanford Site
Richland, Washington

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To: ALL ORP/RL FEDERAL EMPLOYEES AND SUPPORT STAFF

Subject: MASKS OPTIONAL AT THE HANFORD SITE AUGUST 20-26, 2022

For the week of **August 20-26**, 2022, based on the current Community Level in Benton and Franklin Counties, masks are **optional**. 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 (CDC) and Prevention [Integrated County View of Community Levels](#).

The issuance of these mask requirements to the Hanford support service contractors via this announcement has been concurred with by the Hanford Procurement Division contracting officer.

As previously communicated by the Deputy Manager during this Wednesday's noon call, CDC Guidelines have been revised. We expect the SAFER website to be updated to reflect these guidelines and any other federal government specific guidance in the coming weeks. In parallel, the Hanford Site COVID-19 Workplace Safety Plan for Federal Employees (HNF-67450) is in the revision process to reflect the following revised guidance:

- Effective immediately, you may pause requesting vaccination status and are not to request a negative COVID test, regardless of COVID-19 Community Levels.
- Stop implementing any COVID-19 serial screening testing programs that differentiate among individuals based on their COVID-19 vaccination status and stop implementing any point-in-time screening testing requirements that differentiate among individuals based on their vaccination status.
- Begin drafting revisions to your site plans based on the below OMB email but await approval until the revised DOE plan is issued.

Once revised, the changes to the Hanford Site COVID-19 Workplace Safety Plan for Federal Employees (HNF-67450) will be discussed with AFGE Local 788 following standard practices.

Hanford has paused COVID-19 testing and visitor vaccination attestation for Federal employees when community COVID-19 transmission levels are in MEDIUM and HIGH categories.

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

The Hanford Site

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COVID-19 Tracking - HQ

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Community Level Low	Cases Per 100k 172.89	Admissions Per 100k 8.70	% Staffed Inpatient Bed 4.20%
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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

