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ANNOUNCEMENT

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To: ALL ORP/RL FEDERAL EMPLOYEES AND SUPPORT STAFF

Subject: COMMUNITY LEVELS HIGH - MASKS REQUIRED AT THE HANFORD SITE JULY 23-29

For the week of **July 23-29, 2022**, the Community Levels in Benton and Franklin counties **remain in the high category**. Based on this status, masks are required for federal employees and support staff at Hanford Site facilities, regardless of vaccination status.

Federal employees required to perform screening testing will be contacted by their supervisors with specific direction. If at any time during the week (when testing is required) the employee comes into the office or works onsite as part of their job duties, they must be tested sometime during the week. The test may not be self-administered. As a reminder, masks and testing are required for anyone visiting HPMC OMS or other healthcare facilities.

Federal personnel in the testing program are required to register for an appointment in the HPMC scheduling application. The application is open today and will remain open on Monday. Testing days are Tuesday and Wednesday only.

General Support Service Contractors (GSSC) are to follow their company COVID-19 requirements.

In accordance with the Department of Energy's COVID-19 masking requirements, all DOE employees, support staff, and visitors should wear one of the following authorized masks:

- A single surgical mask, which may be worn by itself.
- Either a KN-95 or N-95 mask, which may be worn by itself.

Cloth masks are no longer acceptable unless worn over a surgical mask.

Regardless of the type of authorized mask you choose, the mask should provide a good fit (fitting closely on the face without any gaps along the edges or around the nose) and be comfortable enough when worn properly (covering your nose and mouth) so that you can keep it on as required.

As detailed in the [Hanford Site COVID-19 Workplace Safety Plan for Federal Employees](#), there are exceptions to wearing a mask while masks are required. Masks may be removed when:

- Alone in an office with floor-to-ceiling walls and the door is shut.
- There is only one person in a government-owned vehicle.
- Eating/drinking, for a limited time, if the individual is at least 6 feet from another individual.
- Conducting work utilizing controls and/or personal protective equipment identified in a job hazard analysis or similar evaluation if the COVID-19 risk is factored into the analysis and the controls identified as part of that analysis are implemented.
- Conducting work where the hazards associated with wearing the mask (e.g., straps getting caught in machinery, heat stroke) are greater than the risks with not wearing a mask if the COVID-19 risk is factored into the job hazard analysis and the controls identified as part of that analysis are implemented.

Exemptions to the face mask policy for those individuals who have a medical or religious reason why they cannot wear masks, will be considered in accordance with existing U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission guidance. The Hanford Site Manager must approve mask exemptions for federal employees visiting the Hanford Site from other agencies or sites.

Federal employees from other agencies or sites are treated as visitors when accessing the Hanford Site. Visitors must complete the “Certification of Vaccination” form when they enter a federal building or federally controlled worksite and keep the form with them during their time at Hanford. The “Certification of Vaccination” form is attached to this memo. It will also be available upon check-in at the Hanford Site Badging Office/Visitor Control. In requesting this information, DOE will comply with any applicable federal laws, including requirements under the Privacy Act and the Paperwork Reduction Act. Visitors who are not fully vaccinated or who decline to provide information about their vaccination status must provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test from no later than the previous 3 days prior to entry to a federal building or federally controlled worksite when community levels in the local area are high.

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](#).

The issuance of these mask and testing requirements to the Hanford support service contractors via this announcement has been concurred with by the Hanford Procurement Division Contracting Officer.

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

Attachments

The Hanford Site

Department of Energy
COVID-19 Tracking - HQ

Dashboard Version: COVID.DOE.01

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Community Level High	Cases Per 100k 249.99	Admissions Per 100k 10.70	% Staffed Inpatient Bed 4.70%
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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	749	249.99

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

