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## ANNOUNCEMENT

Department of Energy  
Hanford Site  
Richland, Washington

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**To:** ALL ORP/RL FEDERAL EMPLOYEES AND SUPPORT STAFF

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For the week of **August 27 - September 2, 2022**, based on the current Community Level of **medium** 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](#).

On August 22, 2022, several changes were implemented to Hanford's COVID-19 policies consistent with recent guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Safer Federal Workforce Task Force. Below is a summary of changes:

- Workplace safety protocols no longer vary based on vaccination status
- We have stopped collecting vaccination information from employees, subcontractors and visitors when community COVID-19 transmission levels are in the medium or high categories
- We have stopped requiring proof of a negative COVID-19 test from unvaccinated employees, contractors, visitors and meeting attendees
- Regardless of vaccination status, quarantining after exposure is no longer required; Hanford employees are required to follow CDC guidance for exposure to COVID-19 along with the applicable safety protocols
- Regardless of vaccination status, employees and contractors can go on official travel using the normal organizational approval process (i.e., travel is not limited to mission critical trips only)

- Workplace contact tracing is no longer performed; however, employees are still required to notify their manager if they test positive for COVID-19 and submit the EOC checklist.

Regardless of vaccination status, masks will be required if the CDC Community Level moves to high, and the only acceptable masks will continue to be multi-layered non-medical masks such as surgical masks, KN-95s or similar masks.

All General Hazards Analyses will be updated accordingly, and other documents will be updated or canceled as appropriate.

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.

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.

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

# The Hanford Site

Department of Energy  
COVID-19 Tracking - HQ

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Community Level <b>Medium</b>	Cases Per 100k <b>151.53</b>	Admissions Per 100k <b>10.70</b>	% Staffed Inpatient Bed <b>4.70%</b>
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## Current Status

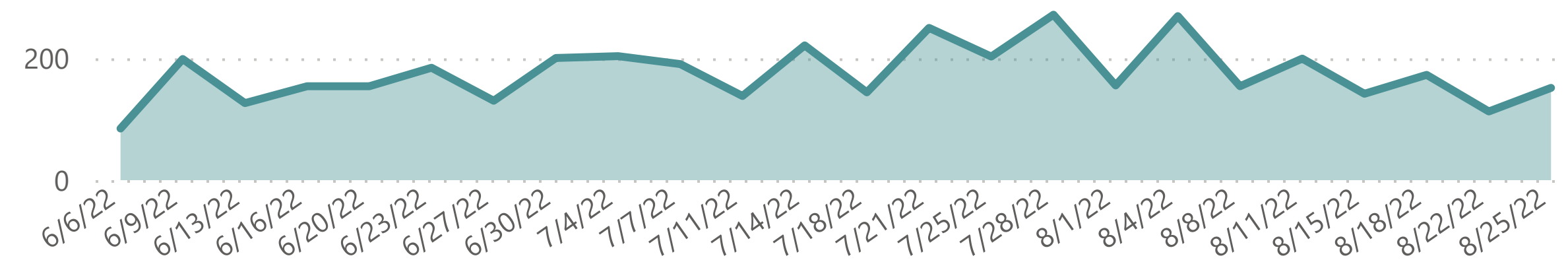
The Hanford Site has completed phase 3 of the COVID-19 re-entry.

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.

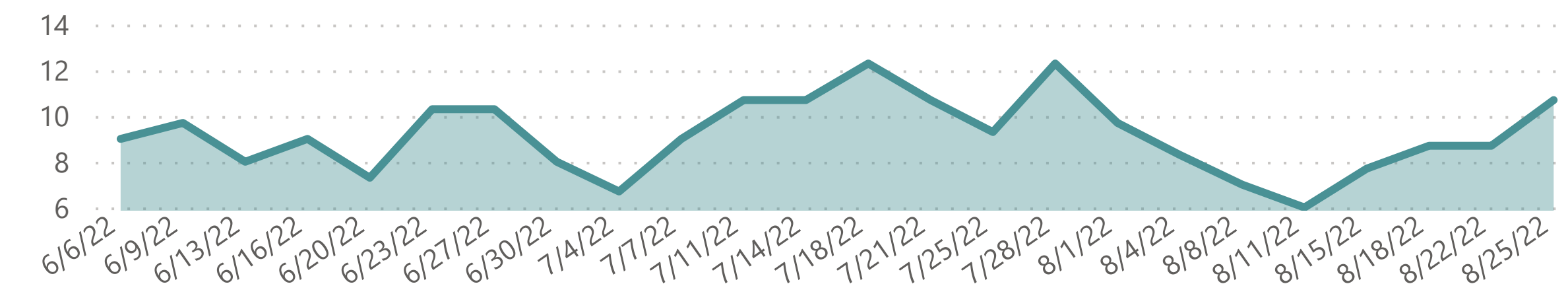
In Washington, the Governor updated Proclamation 20-25 (Washington Ready) to rescind the face covering requirement in most places. The face covering requirement will remain in place in healthcare settings, long-term care facilities, and correctional facilities and jails.

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

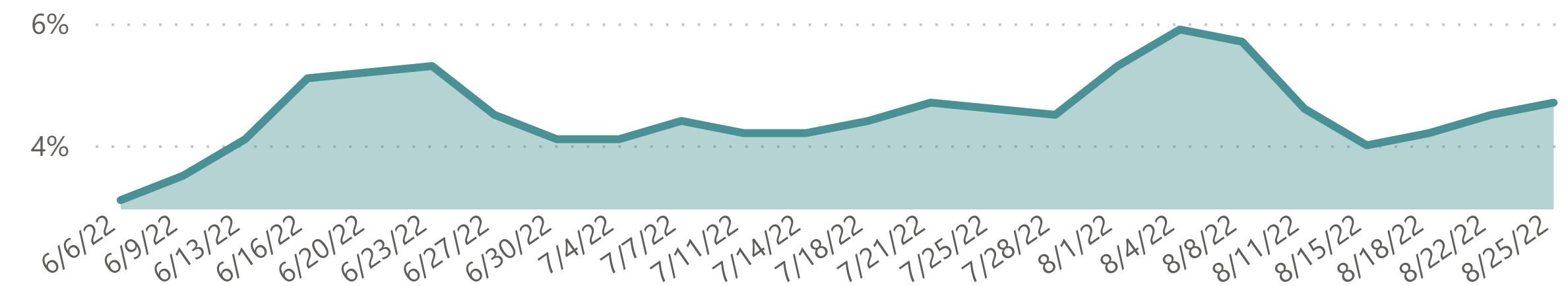
Cases per 100k by Date



Admissions per 100k by Date



% Staffed inpatient beds by Date



## CDC Community Rates

Population	7 Day Total Cases	Cases Per 100k
299,612	454	151.53