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Subject: Masks Optional at the Hanford Site March 26 to April 1

THE HANFORD SITE

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TO: All Hanford Contractor Employees

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

For the week of **March 26 – April 1**, 2022, based on current Community Levels in Benton and Franklin counties, 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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Community Level	Cases Per 100k	Admissions Per 100k	% Staffed Inpatient Bed
Low	78.77	4.70	1.40%
Current Status		CDC Community Rates	

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.

Population	7 Day Total Cases	Cases Per 100k
299,612	236	78.77

COVID-19 Community Levels – Use the Highest Level that Applies to Your Community				
New COVID-19 Cases Per 100,000 people in the past 7 days	Indicators	Low	Medium	High
Fewer than 200	New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population (7-day total)	<10.0	10.0-19.9	≥20.0
	Percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (7-day average)	<10.0%	10.0-14.9%	≥15.0%
200 or more	New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population (7-day total)	NA	<10.0	≥10.0
	Percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (7-day average)	NA	<10.0%	≥10.0%