

Mask Usage Addendum

Effective Date: April 18, 2022

Purpose: In preparation for 'living with' the Covid-19 Virus and Variants, preventative response measures to the virus will ebb and flow based upon the prevalence of the virus within each community. As determined by the CDC in March 2022, determination of mask wearing precautions is now based upon each Community's Covid-19 levels (based upon data looking at hospital bed usage, hospital admissions and total number of new cases in a specific area). Effective April 18, 2022, MYEP will move from its current mask practices and begin to follow CDC guidelines for preventative measures, including mask wearing.

Masks Guidelines and Other Preventative Measures: MYEP will review the CDC website on a routine basis to note community levels of Covid 19 within Johnson County. Community levels are considered Low, Medium, and High. The following guidelines will be followed to determine appropriate preventative measures:

- **Low Category:** When Community levels are classified within the low category, MYEP will follow the below guidelines:
 - Employees and persons served will not be required to wear masks, this includes employees providing direct care
 - Employees and persons served will monitor themselves for symptoms and get tested if they have been exposed or are experiencing symptoms
 - Employees and persons served are encouraged to stay up to date with Covid-19 vaccines
- **Medium Category:** When community levels are classified within the medium category, MYEP will follow the below guidelines:
 - Staff members providing direct care will be required to wear masks when working directly with a person served
 - Staff members entering a persons served home will be required to wear masks
 - Persons receiving services within the MYEP Adult Day Program will be required to wear a mask
 - Persons served who are at high risk for severe illness, should talk to their healthcare provider about the need to wear a mask
 - Employees and persons served will monitor themselves for symptoms and get tested if they have been exposed or are experiencing symptoms
 - Employees and persons served are encouraged to stay up to date with Covid-19 vaccines
- **High Category:** When community levels are classified within the high category, MYEP will follow the below guidelines:
 - All employees will be required to wear masks, including employees within the administrative building(s)
 - Persons served within the MYEP Adult Day Program will be required to wear a mask
 - Employees and persons served will monitor themselves for symptoms and get tested if they have been exposed or are experiencing symptoms
 - Employees and persons served are encouraged to stay up to date on Covid-19 vaccines

Other Preventative Measures:

- Employees or persons served may choose to mask at any time
- Employees or persons served who are experiencing symptoms, have tested positive, or have been exposed should wear a mask and follow all Covid-19 protocols outlined for responses to exposure, positive testing, or are symptomatic
- Employees and persons served will wear masks when utilizing public transportation (as required by federal and local government)
- Employees and persons served will follow mask guidelines outlined by public and private businesses

Covid-19 Response Measures: All Covid-19 response measures outlined within MYEP policy will be immediately implemented if an employee or persons served tests positive for Covid-19, is symptomatic, or has been exposed. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Employees who work in a site in which a staff member or person served has tested positive, will be required to wear masks for a minimum of 10 days following the date of the positive test date
- Employees who work in an environment in which a person served, or another employee, has been exposed to the virus, will be required to wear masks until the person with the known exposure has tested negative
 - All protocols for exposed or positive cases will be followed, including the use of appropriate PPE and implementation of PPE Usage Guidelines
- For additional information on Covid-19 Response Measures, please refer to: [M:\Public\MYEP Coronavirrus Information Folder\OM.02.3\(2\) Guidelines-Service&Business Operation During COVID 4.2021.lnk](M:\Public\MYEP Coronavirrus Information Folder\OM.02.3(2) Guidelines-Service&Business Operation During COVID 4.2021.lnk)

MYEP Sr. Management will provide notification when community levels change, resulting in changes to mask wearing requirements. MYEP Sr. Management does reserve the right to implement any necessary protocols to ensure everyone's safety, despite Covid-19 Community Levels.