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Subject: UPDATED COVID-19 FACIAL COVERING GUIDANCE FOR STAFF AND RESIDENTS AND INSTITUTIONS AND FACILITIES – FEBRUARY 2023

This memorandum updates facial covering requirements for California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR), California Correctional Health Care Services (CCHCS), and Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) institutions/facilities and supersedes the September 23, 2022, memorandum entitled, "UPDATED COVID-19 FACIAL COVERING GUIDANCE FOR STAFF AND RESIDENTS AT INSTITUTIONS AND FACILITIES." This updated facial covering guidance (see attached tables) applies to all individuals who live in or enter an institution/facility regardless of vaccination/booster status. This includes residents, staff, contractors, volunteers, and visitors.

As a reminder, leadership at each institution/facility shall continue to monitor staff for compliance with facial coverings. In the event an employee is out of compliance, supervisors and managers shall utilize the progressive discipline process as outlined in the California Code of Regulations, Title 15, Section 3392, Employee Discipline, and the Department Operations Manual(DOM), Article 22, Employee Discipline. Supervisors and managers are also reminded to utilize DOM section 33030.8, Causes for Corrective Action, and section 33030.9, Causes for Adverse Action.

FACE COVERING GUIDANCE FOR STAFF

FACE COVERING REQUIREMENTS FOR STAFF, VISITORS, VOLUNTEERS	
LOCATION	MINIMUM REQUIRED FACE COVERING
All isolation and quarantine areas including buildings/units that are in OUTBREAK PHASE	N95 respirator*
Transportation	KN95 mask (N95 respirator** if transporting patients who are on isolation or quarantine)
CTC, OHU, TTA, SNF, dialysis, hospice	Procedure mask
Medical and dental clinics and waiting rooms	Procedure mask
Indoors excluding the following: isolation and quarantine areas, buildings/units that are in OUTBREAK PHASE , CTC, OHU, TTA, SNF, dialysis, hospice, medical clinics/ medical clinic waiting rooms and transportation	Face coverings are optional but encouraged
Outdoors and administrative areas	Face coverings are optional
Exposed but asymptomatic staff who test negative and continue to work	Procedure mask

*** All individuals who are required to wear an N95 respirator shall be fit tested.**

For questions or concerns regarding staff guidelines, please contact your respective supervisor or manager.

FACE COVERING GUIDANCE FOR RESIDENTS

LOCATION	MINIMUM REQUIRED FACE COVERING
Residents who are housed in isolation	Procedure mask unless on bed
Residents who are housed in quarantine including buildings/units that are in OUTBREAK PHASE	KN95 encouraged; procedure mask at a minimum unless on bed
Residents who are housed in CTC or OHU and not in isolation or quarantine	Procedure mask when out of cell/dorm
All other resident housing areas	Face coverings are optional
Residents who are being transported	Procedure mask
TTA, SNF, dialysis, hospice	Procedure mask
Medical and dental clinics and waiting rooms	Procedure mask

LOCATION	MINIMUM REQUIRED FACE COVERING
Indoors excluding the following: isolation and quarantine areas, buildings/units that are in OUTBREAK PHASE, CTC, OHU, TTA, SNF, dialysis, hospice, medical clinics/ medical clinic waiting rooms, and transportation	Face coverings are optional
Outdoors and administrative areas	Face coverings are optional
Exposed but asymptomatic residents who test negative and continue to work	Procedure mask

When staff observe residents failing to adhere to facial covering directives, the resident will be directed to wear his/her mask as required. Further violations may result in corrective action and progressive discipline.