

| Face Mask Requirement Tiers | Community Viral Transmission |
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| <p>Standard</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face mask optional in clinical and non-clinical areas (e.g., required for symptomatic persons, required for individuals days 6-10 after COVID-19 infection) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SARS-CoV-2 community transmission is low*+ • Influenza and RSV community transmission is low+ • Limited sick leave in CCHMC employees (<2%) |
| <p>Heightened (patient/public facing)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masking required for employees in patient care areas and public spaces. • Masking encouraged for patients, families and visitors. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SARS-CoV2 community transmission level is medium • Influenza and/or RSV community transmission is medium • Sick leave in CCHMC employees is 2-5% |
| <p>Heightened (all areas)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face mask universally required (clinical and non-clinical areas) • Masking required for patients, families and visitors. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SARS-CoV-2 community transmission is high • Influenza and/or RSV community transmission is high • Sick leave in CCHMC employees is >5% |

*Community transmission for SARS-CoV-2 defined by Centers for Disease Control & Prevention hospital admission levels

+Other indicators of increased respiratory viral transmission include an uptrend in cases over 2-4 week period, elevated thermometer sales, deaths from given virus, outpatient visits for respiratory illness, nosocomial infection of patient or staff member, etc.

**Epidemics of influenza and RSV are defined by the CDC as 2 consecutive weeks with percent positivity in PCR of $\geq 3\%$

