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YCHC Mask Policy Update

Beginning today, Monday January 23, 2023, universal masking is optional for staff, patients and visitors on campus, including patient care areas, **except if symptomatic** with an acute respiratory illness (e.g., fever, cough, congestion, sore throat, etc.). In patient rooms where respiratory infections such as influenza, RSV or COVID-19 are suspected or confirmed, appropriate transmission-based precautions should be followed in accordance with CDC and YCHC infection control guidelines. Clinical staff should always use their best judgement when providing direct patient care, erring on the side of safety. This change is in accordance with CDC guidance for healthcare facilities based on low COVID-19 transmission, locally and statewide. A return to mandatory universal masking may be necessary if local transmission of COVID-19 returns to high. Pre-procedural COVID-19 testing is discontinued in alignment with the removal of this masking requirement.

Masks will continue to be offered at all open entrances.

Signage is posted to remind all persons who are sick and seeking medical care that they must put on a well-fitting mask prior to entering our facility and wear it for the duration of their visit. One parent or guardian is allowed per sick child. The parent or guardian must also put on a well-fitting mask prior to entering the clinic and wear it for the duration of the visit. Symptomatic visitors are not allowed in the facility.

Any remaining, "Mask Up" signage is being removed.

As always, masking may be required in certain situations. Please contact Martha Mallott at 784-3275 ext. 123 for questions you may have regarding this update.

Thank you, YCHC Staff

Our mission is to empower our community to thrive physically, mentally, and spiritually.
Our work is guided by traditional values of: Listening with respect, Working together,
Responsibility and Care of Self, Inclusivity and Fairness, and Living in Peace and
Harmony.