



UofL Health Expanded Masking Policy July 26, 2021

Beginning July 26, 2021, UofL Health will expand its Universal Masking Policy and Screening Policy for staff and visitors.

- 1. Definition of location for visitors/employees to wear masks:** Inside any building associated with UofL Health.
 - a. This would include the following:
 - i. Medical Office Buildings
 - ii. Physician Practices
 - iii. Acute Care Facilities
 - iv. Rehabilitation Facility and Outpatient Centers
 - v. Free Standing Medical Centers
 - b. Upon entering the door of a building, outpatient center or physician practice, a hospital issued mask placed over the nose and mouth and worn at all times when moving around the building. This includes hallways, cafeterias and waiting areas.
 - c. Masks must be worn at all meetings/gatherings within UofL Health buildings.
 - d. This is a requirement regardless of visitor/staff vaccination status.
- 2. Where can staff/employees remove their mask?**
 - a. You may remove your mask in the cafeteria and break rooms while eating. You should maintain social distancing (6 feet) at this time.
 - b. If you are alone in an office away from staff/visitors/patients, you may remove your mask.
- 3. Screening of visitors**
 - a. We are not decreasing the number of entrances into our buildings and practices any further than current state.
 - b. We are currently vetting free-standing kiosks which can take temperatures and provide a check-in method asking the required symptom screening questions for all visitors.
 - c. If this is not a viable solution, we will need to reimplement visitor screening at entrances
- 4. Screening of staff**
 - a. We are re-implementing staff screening for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 prior to starting their shifts. These logs are to be kept in the department where staff report. Temperature screening is not required at this time.
 - b. If you are having symptoms of respiratory illness, please contact your supervisor and/or employee health prior to reporting. It is important to continue to follow this recommendation even if you have been vaccinated.
- 5. Offer Employee Vaccine**
 - a. Beginning Aug. 2, 2021, UofL Health Infection Prevention staff and UofL Physicians staff will provide roving vaccination carts and departmental visits for staff that have not been vaccinated. Additionally, staff will be contacting provider offices to reach out to staff in those areas that have not been vaccinated.