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Hanford Site Subcontractors

**CHANGES TO COVID-19 PROTOCOLS AT THE HANFORD SITE EFFECTIVE FRIDAY  
JUNE 11, 2021**

Effective Friday, June 11, 2021, the Hanford Site will implement several changes to the COVID-19 safety protocols to align with updated guidelines by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as well as Executive Order 13991.

Changes based on the CDC guidance include:

- Elimination of mask and physical distancing requirements for individuals who are fully vaccinated\*
- Elimination of mask requirement for non-vaccinated individuals when outdoors and able to maintain physical distancing (6' or greater)
- Update to COVID-19 timeframe for implementing cleaning and disinfecting protocols from 7 days to 24 hours.

Changes based on the Executive Order include the following for non-vaccinated individuals:

- Face masks are required to be worn indoors at all times (including in cubicle spaces), unless in a walled office with the door closed
- Face masks are required in a government vehicle, even if the individual is the only occupant
- Face masks must cover the mouth and nose, fit snugly around the nose and chin with no large gaps around the sides of the face and made from multi-layered breathable fabric
- Face shields, bandanas, single layer gaiters or novelty/non-protective masks are not an acceptable alternative to face masks.

Subcontractor employees performing work on the Hanford Site should be aware of these updated requirements. Subcontractors are to implement their own company procedures related to COVID vaccination and any attestation requirements for confirming whether subcontractor employees are fully vaccinated. Individuals who are not fully vaccinated are to continue to wear a face mask as required and follow all other COVID-19 safety protocols while on the Hanford Site. Subcontractors are reminded that people at the Hanford Site may wear face masks for many different reasons and that all are expected to respect and support their personal decision.

\*Fully vaccinated is defined as two weeks after the second dose in a two-dose series (Pfizer or Moderna) or two weeks after a single-dose vaccine (Johnson & Johnson).

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The CDC guidance for fully vaccinated personnel regarding face masks and physical distancing does not apply in healthcare facilities and medical/emergency response situations. Anyone visiting HPMC Occupational Medical Services clinics is required to wear face coverings, and physical distancing is still expected.

Attached is the briefing that is being provided to site employees.

Additional information on the updated state COVID-19 workplace safety and health guidance from the Washington Department of Labor & Industries (L&I) may be found at [www.Lni.wa.gov](http://www.Lni.wa.gov). This site provides helpful information on masking policies that meet new CDC guidelines ([www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fullyvaccinated.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fullyvaccinated.html)) and incorporates federal, state, and local requirements that became effective May 21, 2021, <https://www.lni.wa.gov/forms-publications/F414-179-000.pdf>.

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please reach out to your cognizant Contract Specialist.

Sincerely,

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Attachment



# THE HANFORD SITE

## Changes to Hanford Site COVID-19 Safety Protocols

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- Changes effective Friday, June 11, 2021 for all Hanford Site personnel and visitors
- Changes are based on two primary drivers:
  - New CDC guidelines for fully vaccinated\* individuals
  - Executive Order 13991, Protecting the Federal Workforce and Requiring Mask-Wearing
- Minor change to cleaning protocols initiated by the CDC in April 2021

\*Fully vaccinated is defined as two weeks after the second dose in a two-dose series (Pfizer or Moderna) or two weeks after a single-dose vaccine (Johnson & Johnson)

- New CDC guidelines for those fully vaccinated:
  - No longer need to wear a mask (indoors or outdoors)
  - No longer need to practice physical distancing
- Executive Order 13991, Protecting the Federal Workforce and Requiring Mask-Wearing:
  - If not fully vaccinated, masks must be worn as follows:
    - In any common areas or shared workspaces, even when physically distanced
    - In outdoor shared spaces when physical distancing cannot be maintained
    - During all in-person meetings
    - At staffed security checkpoints; security officers may direct individuals to lower their masks temporarily to verify identity
    - Inside government-owned vehicles (regardless of number of occupants)

- Exceptions to mask-wearing include:
  - Those fully vaccinated in accordance with CDC guidelines
  - Alone in a walled office with door closed (not cubicles)
  - When eating/drinking and maintaining appropriate physical distance
  - Conduct of work utilizing controls identified in a job hazard analysis that considered the risk of COVID-19
  - Individuals who have a medical or religious reason why they cannot wear masks
  - No longer need to wear a mask outdoors as long as physical distancing of 6' can be maintained

- New guidelines do not apply in healthcare settings
  - Employees at HPMC in healthcare areas and employees visiting HPMC are still required to wear masks and practice physical distancing
  - Hanford Fire Department personnel responding to a medical/health emergency are included under the same healthcare guidelines
- Fully vaccinated individuals may still choose to wear a mask in any setting
- Cleaning Protocol Changes
  - Update timeframe for implementing cleaning & disinfecting protocol when a sick person or someone who tested positive for COVID-19 was in a work location from 7 days to 24 hours

- Face masks must cover the mouth and nose, fit snugly around the nose and chin with no large gaps around the sides of the face and made from multi-layered breathable fabric
- Face shields, bandanas, single layer gaiters or novelty/non-protective masks are not an acceptable face mask. Face shields may be utilized in conjunction with a face mask as directed by a Task Specific JHA.

- Fully vaccinated employees must attest to their vaccination status in order to exercise the CDC guidelines for fully vaccinated individuals
  - Electronic or hard copy options available
- Individuals who are not fully vaccinated are expected to continue to wear a mask and follow all other COVID-19 safety protocols
- General Hazard Analysis and management directives have been updated and are effective Friday, June 11, 2021

- Success of these changes is reliant on continued integrity of the Hanford workforce
- Employees are expected to act responsibly and treat one another with respect
- Respect personal choices
- Do not lose sight of the mission or allow this to become a distraction