

Hi Everyone,

As I am sure you are aware, Governor DeWine announced the lifting of COVID-19 health orders effective in June and the CDC has come out with updated guidance for vaccinated individuals. Our goal remains to keep everyone safe and healthy and we consistently review our policies and procedures. The following adjustments to procedure are effective immediately and will remain in place until further notice.

Please note that **masks remain mandatory** at all times while on UCP property and when working in the field. However, we will no longer require you to wear single use masks provided by the Agency. You can wear any appropriate mask of your choosing, including cloth face coverings. For the time being, we will still have single use masks available for anyone who prefers these while working. We will have some cloth face coverings out at the front desk next week – feel free to select one or two for your use. Additionally, at this time we are no longer requiring face shields to be worn while engaging in direct client care. We will still provide you with a face shield if you prefer to use one.

It is important that we keep in mind that while some restrictions are being relaxed, we must remain diligent. Do not forget to proceed immediately to a handwashing station upon arrival at work. Keep practicing social distancing. You are still required to complete a health assessment prior to starting each day. And do not come to work if you are sick!

This is an evolving situation. We will continue to monitor changes and will do what we feel is in the best interest of our employees, the individuals and families we work with and our partners. We are hopeful that there will soon be the opportunity for more client interaction and community integration. As a small token of appreciation for ALL that you do and to take the opportunity to safely interact with each other, we will hold a cook-out/outdoor gathering in the parking lot of the Wolstein Center in June for employees. More information to come!

Thank you all for your dedication to keeping UCP a healthy place for all.

Have a great weekend,

Beth