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**RE:** Face Covering Guidance

Last month Cal-OSHA revised their COVID-19 standards. The major changes included relaxed masking requirements for vaccinated individuals. Face coverings are still required "indoors and in vehicles for unvaccinated employees." Face coverings are required, regardless of vaccination status, in indoor settings such as healthcare and long-term care facilities.

COVID-19 cases are on the rise. I urge you all to remain vigilant. You must wear a surgical mask when providing patient care, regardless of your vaccination status. You should be wearing a respirator (e.g. N95) if the patient has symptoms concerning for COVID-19.

I encourage you to get vaccinated if you haven't done so already. Feel free to reach out to me, or the EMS Agency, if we can provide more information.

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