

## COVID-19 Updates 04.03.2023

Based on the New Jersey Executive Order No. 325 (released 4/03/2023) and the New Jersey COVID-19 Weekly Activity Report (posted 03/30/2023) we are officially able to make some adjustments to our current COVID-19 practices.

Please be aware of the following changes.

### AMI will:

- - Continue to reevaluate and adjust COVID-19 prevention practices based on the weekly Community Transmission levels updated by the state and adjust guidelines appropriately in response. AMI may implement higher or lower levels of required protection during times of substantial-high transmission or decreased activity levels.
- - Continue to require that AMI employees provide adequate proof that they are up to date with their COVID-19 vaccinations or have provided adequate exemption documentation as per NJ Executive Order # 325 (pursuant to NJ Executive Orders # 252 (2021), 283, 290, 294 & 281 (2022)).
- - Continue to identify and manage both employees and patients with suspected or confirmed SARS-CoV-2 infection through routine screening of symptoms.
- - Continue to ensure everyone entering the facility is aware of recommended actions to prevent SARS-CoV-2 transmission to others, especially when they
  1. - have a positive SARS-CoV-2 viral test;
  2. - symptoms of COVID-9;
  3. - close contact or a higher-risk exposure to someone with SARS-CoV-2

### AMI Employees Should:

- - Continue to complete daily wellness screening & report any positive COVID test, signs/symptoms of COVID/respiratory illness or COVID exposures to the Employee Health Department & your direct supervisor immediately.
- - Continue to follow Employee Health “return to work” clearance process as directed by the AMI Employee Health department and guided by the most recent CDC and NJ State HCP algorithms
- - Continue to screen patients and visitors for active symptoms of COVID-19 and other acute respiratory infections
- - Continue universal source control (masking) for employees in a healthcare setting when they are in areas of the healthcare facility where they could encounter patients and when providing direct patient care.
- - Continue to ensure appropriate masks are readily available to all patients who choose to wear source control for their own protection.
- - Continue to perform routine cleaning and disinfection of patient care and high-touch areas of the facility using EPA registered products
- - Encourage the continued use of source control for patients who are moderately to severely immunocompromised.
- - Continue use of universal NIOSH-approved N95 or equivalent and eye protection for HCP during all patient encounters or in specific areas of the facility at higher risk for SARS-CoV-2 transmission, and all aerosol-generating procedures.

**Changes:**

- - AMI employees who do not fall into the identified exceptions category below will no longer be required to maintain routine source control (masking) in areas restricted from patient care.
- - Patients without any suspicion of respiratory illness will not be required to wear masks within the AMI building.
- - Patients exhibiting any COVID-19 or respiratory illness symptoms will be required to wear a mask within the AMI building regardless of testing status.
- - AMI employees with approved religious or medical exemptions will no longer be required to submit weekly COVID screening testing.

**Source control- Identified Exceptions-Masking Required:**

- - Anyone with suspected or confirmed SARS-CoV-2 infection or other respiratory infection for 10 days following infection.
- - Anyone with a close contact (employees/patients/ and visitors) or higher risk exposure with someone with SARSCoV-2 infection, for 10 days after the last day of the exposure.
- - Patients with active symptoms or suspicion of respiratory illness must wear surgical or KN95 mask when in building regardless of COVID status.
- - Any isolated areas of the facility formally identified by employee health as actively experiencing a SARS-CoV-2 outbreak.
- - Continue use of universal use of NIOSH-approved N95 or equivalent and eye protection for HCP during all patient encounters or in specific areas of the facility at higher risk for SARS-CoV-2 transmission, and all aerosol- generating procedures.

Thank you all for your continued compliance and patience throughout this! Please reach out with any questions or concerns.