



COVID-19 MASK POLICY – FLORIDA

Purpose:

To provide clear guidance to community teams regarding use of masks or face coverings by residents, team members, visitors and others while maintaining the appropriate level of response and required precautionary measures related to mitigating COVID-19 infection.

Mask Usage – Florida Communities

- Communities may choose to require a resident to wear a face covering only when the resident is outside their apartment in common areas of the community, and they are exhibiting signs and symptoms of or has been diagnosed with an infectious illness that is spread through droplet or airborne transmission.
- Communities may choose to require a visitor to wear a face covering only when the visitor is:
 - Exhibiting signs or symptoms of or is diagnosed with an infectious illness that can spread through droplet or airborne transmission,
 - In a resident's apartment who is exhibiting signs or symptoms of or diagnosed with an infectious illness that is spread through droplet or airborne transmission.
 - Visiting a resident who has been diagnosed with a condition affecting the immune system.
- Communities may require an employee to wear a facial covering if and they are exhibiting signs and symptoms of or has been diagnosed with an infectious illness that is spread through droplet or airborne transmission or if they are providing care for a resident that is exhibiting signs and symptoms of or has been diagnosed with an infectious illness that is spread through droplet or airborne transmission.
- Communities may require an employee to wear a facial covering to prevent physical injury when engaged in non-clinical potentially hazardous activities that require facial coverings.
- Communities must allow a resident, visitor, or employee to opt out of wearing a facial covering in accordance with the Florida Patient Bill of Rights and Responsibilities, section 381.026, F.S. (b) Pursuant to 59AER23-2(2).