



MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 5, 2022

TO: Hospitals, Ambulatory and Community Clinics, Skilled Nursing, Other Long-Term Care Facilities, Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly, and EMS Providers

FROM: Ori Tzvieli, M.D., Health Officer

SUBJECT: Influenza Vaccination/Masking for Health Care Facilities, EMS, and Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly Staff

Licensed health care facilities, EMS providers, and residential care facilities for the elderly (assisted living, board & care, senior living) should be aware that the Contra Costa Health Officer influenza vaccination/masking orders are ongoing and have not been rescinded. The order for licensed health care facilities/EMS was issued in 2012* and the order for residential care facilities for the elderly in 2014**.

As all staff working in these facilities are currently required to mask due to CDPH COVID requirements, staff who decline seasonal influenza vaccine are already in compliance with the Contra Costa Health Officer order for influenza vaccination/masking by wearing a mask.

However, should the CDPH remove the COVID masking requirement, facilities would need to ensure compliance with the Health Officer influenza vaccination/masking order. Staff would need to either receive seasonal influenza vaccine or wear a mask during influenza season (defined by the order as November 1 through March 31 of the following year) when providing patient care/resident services and when in patient care/resident areas.

*The Contra Costa Health Officer influenza vaccination or masking order for licensed health care facilities and EMS was issued in 2012 and is available here in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

**The Contra Costa Health Officer influenza vaccination or masking order for residential care facilities for the elderly (RCFEs) was issued in 2014 and is available here in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

A COVID and influenza masking FAQ is available [here](#).

I appreciate your help and support in protecting the residents of Contra Costa County, your staff, and your patients. For any additional questions, please contact our Contra Costa Health, Public Health Division, Communicable Disease Programs at (925) 313-6740.

Cc: Board of Supervisors
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