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Dear Residents, Families, Visitors, and Staff

The New York State Department of Health affirms the importance of non-pharmacological infection prevention strategies in healthcare settings such as the appropriate usage of well-fitting face masks or face coverings. Currently, the Wayne County community transmission rate is **not high**, the safest practice is for visitors, residents, and personnel to wear a face covering or a well-fitted face mask. However, during the time period when the community transmission level is **not high**, the above-mentioned entities/individuals could choose not to wear face masks or face coverings while in the facility, except:

- Have suspected or confirmed SARS-CoV-2 infection or other respiratory infection in the last 10 days;
- Had close contact with (patients and/or visitors) or a high-risk exposure with someone with SARS-CoV-2 infection for 10 days after their exposure;
- Reside or work on a unit or area of the facility experiencing a SARS-CoV-2 outbreak or,
- Have otherwise had source control recommended by public health authorities.

Please note that the regulation for the Prevention of Influenza Transmission by Healthcare and Residential Facilities and Agency personnel continues to be in effect in accordance with Section 2.59 of the New York State Sanitary Code (10 NYCRR § 2.59). The details along with certain reasonable and necessary exceptions are also equivalent to those for influenza-related masking requirements. However, other elements of the influenza-related masking requirement, such as the influenza-related vaccination component, the prevalence declaration, and the exclusion of visitors, which **are not** applicable to the COVID-19-related masking recommendation.

Sincerely,

  
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