



## MEMORANDUM

To: All Employees of OPTIONS NORTHWEST  
Cc: UNIFOR 229  
From: Mark Beazley, Director of Community Services  
Date: June 13<sup>th</sup> 2022  
Re: Changes to Masking Mandate in the Homes

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Good Afternoon,

This past Friday the Chief Medical Doctor for Ontario announced that the remaining mask mandates were removed for Ontario. Although not required he did mention that he recommends the use of masks in health care settings.

As of June 14<sup>th</sup>, you will no longer be required to wear a mask in the home when operations are normal. However, what hasn't changed is wearing masks when a suspected or confirmed Covid Case is in the home or if the home is in outbreak status or Public Health requires us to wear them under their direction.

While masking has slightly changed, other protocols that are in place will continue to be status quo. **We will still need to test 3 times per week on a Rapid Antigen Test. We still need to screen before coming into the home, this includes family and visitors as well as all other protocols that are in place. Masking rules are the only protocol that has been updated.**

Masks will still be provided for anyone who chooses to wear as we recommend that you continue to do so. Masks will also be available to visitors who come to the home and we encourage anyone entering to wear them as well.

We will monitor the next couple of weeks or so to see how the community does as well as our homes if there is any big spike in cases. As well, at any time we could be reverting to old protocols if needed or required. If any new direction is given from Public Health or the Ministry we will be sure to pass the message on to you.

Enjoy the sunshine if you can whenever it is out, thank you for all that you do.

Mark Beazley

