

St. Louis Children's Hospital COVID and Masking Protocols

In guidance with the host hospital, the Ronald McDonald Family Room abides by the hospital's COVID protocol and masking protocol.

Exposure or Testing Positive for COVID:

- If **exposed to someone** with COVID (household, unmasked interaction, etc.):
 - You are able to volunteer if exposed to an individual with COVID.
 - You are to wear an isolation mask for 14 days from date of exposure and are not to report for duty if you have any symptoms, regardless of how mild the symptoms may be.
 - You are to eat away from others during these 14 days to prevent exposure to others at the hospital.
- If you **test positive** for COVID:
 - **Volunteers will not be permitted to work until:**
 - a) Day 15 after symptom onset or positive test if never symptomatic
 - You are not to return to SLCH until day 15 from symptom onset or positive test result IF you are unsure of when symptoms began.
 - b) 24 hours fever free without fever-reducing medication
 - You must also be fever free for at least 24 hours without using fever reducing medication. Symptoms must be resolved before returning to volunteer.
 - c) Resolution or improvement of all other symptoms

Masking Protocol:

Effective: Wednesday, March 22nd, BJC will be *masks optional*.

- For all employees, volunteers, and guests, masking will be optional for ALL.
- As is standard for hospital operations, masking will continue to be required as a safety precaution in specific situations including:
 1. Occupational Health (OH) requirements (e.g., cleared to work but still symptomatic, return to work after COVID infection)
 2. Per request by the patient of clinician/employee providing care
- In addition:
 1. To reduce workplace transmission, masking is strongly encouraged and recommended for employees, volunteers, patients, and visitors who show signs or symptoms of respiratory illness and for those with a recent known exposure to someone with a respiratory illness.
 2. Due to vulnerable patient populations, all employees and volunteers are still expected to self-assess for signs or symptoms of illness before reporting to work. Contact the Volunteer Services office (314-454-6145) to report any symptoms and to evaluate whether to report to your shift.