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As recovery from the latest COVID-19 surge continues, public-health officials have updated guidance. Based on this latest guidance, masking protocols for state employees are being updated. Employees in standard office and outdoor settings are generally no longer required to wear masks while working effective Thursday, March 3, 2022. There are, however, some considerations:

Masking may still be required in high-risk congregate settings, such as long-term-care, healthcare, and correctional facilities, or in response to an accommodation request.

- Agencies may have additional policies to address specific operational needs, visitors and clients, employee tasks, work locations, or quarantine or isolation.
- Local health departments and organizations may adopt other masking requirements to be followed.
- Employees who are at elevated risk or feel better protected may mask consistent with operational needs.
- State masking requirements may be updated in the future as conditions evolve.

Your agency will provide more specific information on updated masking and other policies related to our return to offices. Employees should continue to stay up-to-date with vaccinations, get tested if exposed to or experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, and isolate and quarantine consistent with the latest public-health guidance.

Thank you for your continued endeavors on behalf of the state's citizens. More changes to policies may be coming in the following weeks. We look forward to seeing more of the smiles of our coworkers as we continue with our work.

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