

# All Staff Must Wear a Surgical or KN95 Mask

## Post-Holiday COVID Uptick Guidance

We are experiencing a significant uptick in Covid and other respiratory viruses among BCARC staff and individuals. This is a very serious concern as many of the individuals we serve are particularly susceptible to serious illness from these viruses.

### The requirements below are in place as of today - 12/29/23

1. ALL STAFF must wear a SURGICAL or KN95 mask.
2. Mask requirement for staff includes while in a vehicle with individuals.
3. Food preparation surfaces and frequent touch points (light switches, door knobs, etc.) must be sanitized minimally once every shift and after use/when soiled.
4. Touch points in bathrooms (toilet seat, flush handle, sink knobs, door knobs, dispensers) must be sanitized between uses.

**\*Sanitized** means cleaned with soap and warm/hot water, bleach, or a cleaner like Lysol that is proven to kill viruses\*

Any staff person who is experiencing cold/flu/Covid-type symptoms (list below) MUST take a rapid Covid test. If POSITIVE, follow existing protocol for positive staff. If NEGATIVE, staff must wear a kn95 mask at all times for a minimum of 6 days or until symptoms resolve. If symptoms are improving, staff may test again on day 6 and if negative, may stop wearing kn95 mask and follow general masking guidance (above).

#### Symptoms that require testing/kn95 mask include:

- Cough
- Sore/scratchy throat
- Sneezing
- Runny/stuffy nose
- Headache
- Nausea
- Elevated temperature (99-100 degrees)

**Staff experiencing FEVER (temp over 100 degrees) or severe symptoms (including vomiting/diarrhea) should not report to or remain at work.**