
Memorandum

Date:	Sep 21, 2026
To:	Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center-Staff- Contractors-Medical Staff- Volunteers and EMS Personnel
From:	Infection Prevention and Occupational Health Departments
Subject:	2026-2027 Respiratory Virus Season Masking & Immunization Requirements

Dear Team,

In accordance with the Health Officer Order from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, the annual respiratory virus season requirements remain in effect for the 2026-2027 season to safeguard our patients and staff.

Key Requirements:

All Healthcare Personnel (HCP) who decline the annual influenza vaccination must wear a Respiratory Mask (well fitted surgical mask or N-95) while in contact with patients or working in Patient-Care Areas throughout the respiratory virus season (November 1st to March 31st).

Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs): Due to elevated outbreak risks in SNFs, ALL HCP in the skilled nursing facility (3rd floor) are required to wear a Respiratory Mask (well fitted surgical mask or N-95) in patient-care areas and during patient contact throughout the season, **regardless of vaccination status.**

Applicable Personnel: These requirements apply to all paid and unpaid staff, contractors, students, volunteers, and EMS personnel who provide direct patient care or work in patient-care areas.

Thank you for your dedication to keeping our patients, colleagues, and community safe. Please reach out to Infection Prevention & Control or Occupational Health if you have any questions.