

## September 29, 2022

Aspire is constantly monitoring the current levels of COVID risk in our communities. Given what we know now, Aspire is reducing its masking requirements for employees.

**Effective October 1**, the COVID-19 universal masking requirement at trainings and in the presence of individuals Aspire supports is no longer in effect.

### **Masks are still required in higher risk situations:**

- When working in a **group home or ICF in Connecticut** (due to state regulation)
- When employees work in a setting where an individual has COVID (along with full PPE)
- If an employee has been exposed to someone diagnosed with COVID and are indoors with others
- When employees work with individuals whose teams have determined their medical status warrants continued masking by DSPs.

Aspire is also working with individuals and their care teams who might want or need masking to continue. Evidence-based guidance is being developed for teams to use in assessing this for everyone we serve.

Aspire continues to encourage everyone in our community to take advantage of the new bivalent booster as soon as they are eligible. Aspire is currently scheduling flu and booster clinics at all locations.

If you have any questions about this change, please contact us at [info@allinc.org](mailto:info@allinc.org).