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Dear Holly Ridge Families,

As COVID guidelines and mandates continue changing I am sure you are wondering what to expect for Holly Ridge Center (HRC) procedures and policies when Governor Inslee's masking mandate is modified as expected on March 12th. Please see the graphic below:



State Indoor Mask Requirements Starting March 12, 2022

Local governments are still able to enact local mask requirements.
Many individuals will choose to continue to wear masks. Please be kind and compassionate.

 <p>Still Required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Healthcare and medical facilities, including hospitals, outpatient, dental facilities and pharmacies• Long-term care settings• Public transit, taxis, and rideshare vehicles (federal requirement)• Correctional facilities• Private businesses and local governments that want to require masks for their employees, customers or residents	 <p>*Not Required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Schools, childcare facilities and libraries• Restaurants and bars• Houses of worship• Gyms, recreation centers and indoor athletic facilities• Grocery stores, businesses and retail establishments
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*Private businesses can still require masks if they choose. Please respect the rules of the room.

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(Office of the Governor)

Some may feel HRC is categorized as an education facility (i.e. school, childcare facility and library in the graphic) no longer requiring masking. However, WA State categorizes and funds HRC as a health care and medical facility. As such, we must follow the Healthcare Facilities requirements set forth. HRC's priority remains the safety of our families and staff.

So, HRC staff will continue masking while working in our buildings and during in-person services either in our buildings or in the community. Additionally, parents/caregivers must also continue masking for HRC facility visits or if a HRC staff member comes to your home.

We will continue offering Zoom sessions for the near future. However, when meeting in person, please continue to follow the state guidelines with masks and safe social distancing.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,



Alicia Skelly
Infant Toddler Program Director