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Memorandum

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To: Vendor Community

From: Nicolette N. Bateson, CPA, Chief Financial Officer & Treasurer

CC: Sonya Collins, Procurement Director

RE: **Coronavirus Update #165: GLWA Masking Update – Masks Now Required at ALL GLWA Facilities due to Wayne and St. Clair Counties Rising to CDC COVID-19 Community Level “RED”**

Background: On March 28, 2022, GLWA released [Coronavirus Update #159](#) to the Vendor Community. In alignment with the recommendations of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Coronavirus Update #159 issued updated guidance regarding preventative steps that may be taken depending on a county’s COVID-19 Community Level. The CDC’s guidance uses three [Community Levels](#) and associated colors (red, yellow, and green) to indicate whether mask wearing should be mandatory or optional for a community, given their identified level.

New Information: As stated in Coronavirus Update #159, GLWA’s on-site masking status would change for all facilities if any county where GLWA has a staffed facility rises to “RED” on the CDC’s COVID-19 Community Level list.

On Thursday, May 12, 2022, the counties of Wayne and St. Clair rose to the “RED” on the CDC community level list.

Therefore, effectively immediately, face masks will be required for all GLWA Vendors and Visitors who are providing onsite services at any GLWA facilities or project worksites, regardless of its location, until further notice.

We appreciate the Vendor Community’s cooperation with GLWA’s updated masking requirements as we strive to maintain the health and safety of the workplace. Any additional questions regarding these matters should be directed to [Michael Lasley](#) and [Megan Savage](#).