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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 #172: Effective Immediately - GLWA Mask Mandate Lifted at All GLWA Facilities and Project Worksites**

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, face masks will **not** be required if the COVID-19 Community Level is either "YELLOW" or "GREEN" in the counties where staffed, GLWA facilities or project worksites are located.

As of Thursday, September 29, 2022 the CDC showed that the COVID-19 Community Level for all counties where GLWA staffed facilities and project worksite are located is no longer "RED."

Therefore, effectively immediately, and until further notice, the wearing of face masks is optional for GLWA Vendors and Visitors who are providing onsite services at any GLWA facilities or project worksites, regardless of its location.

Please note that regardless of the CDC COVID-19 Community Level, all GLWA Visitors may continue to wear a face mask, if they so choose, throughout the workday.

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](#).