

# Assisted-Living Facility Masking Guidance

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## DHHS Guidance on Masking for Assisted-Living Facilities

Use of a face mask is not required for fully vaccinated residents of assisted-living facilities. Unvaccinated residents should continue wearing masks and maintain physical distancing when around others within the building. Fully vaccinated residents may still choose to wear a face mask when around unvaccinated individuals and in public areas of the building.

Certified nursing homes must continue to follow the CMS requirement for use of face masks within their building. Assisted living facilities are encouraged to follow best practice recommendations from CMS and CDC for infection control, including those that apply to staff and visitors.

Please continue to watch community positivity rates and assess the risk of any outings when residents choose to leave the facility.