

☑ For Your Information

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This message is for Bozeman Health employees and medical staff from the Bozeman Health Executive Team.

Safety Precautions and Local Public Health Mandates Remain in Effect at Bozeman Health Care Sites**Here's what's happening...**

Ensuring your health, wellness, and safety as our Bozeman Health workforce is essential to continuing the clinical care and expertise required by our mission and for our community. We continue our response to the COVID-19 pandemic and work to limit the spread of COVID-19 in our community through vaccine administration, masking, social distancing, hand hygiene, and staying home when we don't feel well.

With a change in our state government leaders, it was expected that we would see changes in state mandates, but it is important to note a few key points:

- Despite the Governor's declarations about and rescinding of state mandates, local public health rules as established by our Board of Health and Gallatin City-County Health Department remain in full effect.
- Bozeman Health will continue to abide by, respect, and support local public health mandates to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 in the communities we serve.
- The restrictions that remain in place locally help to inform Bozeman Health policies and we expect that those local rules will continue to inform the individual and collective decisions we each make to do our part in living our mission of *improving community health and quality of life*.

Our COVID-19 Incident Command team continues to evaluate our current safety precautions and we want to reinforce that, while policies are being reviewed and may be amended in the future as further CDC, CMS, and local public health guidelines are released, the following remain in effect:

- [Mandatory entrance screenings](#) for all employees, providers, patients, and visitors
- [Masking and proper use of PPE](#)
- [Visitor restrictions](#)
- [All non-essential meetings, trainings, and events remain postponed, cancelled, or rescheduled using teleconference capabilities](#)

Here's why...

Each member of the Bozeman Health team is critical to the community effort to prevent spread of disease. Adhering to local public health mandates and Bozeman Health policies and procedures are meant to continue to ensure our employees are healthy and able to care for our community as part of our commitment to zero harm and our mission of improving community health and quality of life.

Efforts continue to be coordinated with Gallatin County Emergency Preparedness and Gallatin City-County Health Department, as does following CDC and CMS guidelines.

Questions or comments? Contact your system director.