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**From:** Heidi Chapman on behalf of Amy Tucker  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 16, 2025 10:17 AM  
**To:** Amy Tucker  
**Cc:** Heidi Chapman  
**Subject:** CMO BLAST: Respiratory illnesses are on the rise

**Importance:** High

With the significant increase in RSV and influenza respiratory infections nationally and locally, the hospital strongly recommends and encourages masking with a surgical ear-loop mask in patient care areas.

Masking and hand hygiene are standard precautions staff can take to protect themselves and patients from the spread of these respiratory viruses and infection. Updates on the prevalence of respiratory infections will be provided.

Thank you and stay safe!

The Hospital Officer Team

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