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Sent on behalf of the Infection Prevention Team...

Dear Upstate Team,

- **Mandatory Masking:** Due to rising rates of flu and other respiratory viruses in NYS and according to NYS DOH requirements everyone without proof of flu vaccination will be required to mask while in areas where patients or residents are typically present.
- **Respiratory Viral Panel Testing:** Starting 12/20/2024, we will be implementing respiratory viral panel testing for all admitted patients. This comprehensive testing will help us quickly identify and manage respiratory infections, ensuring timely and appropriate care.

Thank you for your continued commitment to our patients' health and safety.

Best,
Amy

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