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Due to decreasing Covid-19 hospitalizations, a decline in daily cases and a decline in positivity rates in Onondaga County, masking in non-clinical areas is now optional.

Non-clinical areas are defined as areas open only to Upstate staff, where there is no patient interaction.

Staff-only areas within clinical spaces—including staff-only lounges and break rooms—are considered non-clinical areas.

Masks continue to be required for everyone in all clinical spaces and in all areas where patients register, wait, transport through, and receive testing and care.

Masking continues to be required in common spaces, including lobbies, hallways, elevators, and pedestrian bridges.

Nursing stations are clinical spaces and masks are mandatory in these areas.

Even in non-clinical areas, masking is highly recommended for those who are not current on Covid-19 vaccines and boosters.

The Infection Prevention and Control Team encourages all staff and students to remain updated on all vaccinations.

The team will continue to monitor trends and make additional changes in policies as needed.

Questions about masking? Email Infection Prevention at AskTeamIC@Upstate.edu.

Questions about exposures, testing, isolation and quarantine? Call Upstate's Covid-19 Staff and Student Resource Line at [315-464-8436](tel:315-464-8436).

Links:

CDC: Stay up to date you're your Covid-19 vaccines <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/stay-up-to-date.html>

Upstate policy: COV P-01
<https://upstate-ellucid-com.libproxy2.upstate.edu/documents/view/10492/active>

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