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SOURCE CONTROL REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS

Dear Provider/Administrator/Superintendent:

On April 27, 2021 the CDC updated select healthcare infection prevention and control recommendations in response to COVID-19 vaccination, which are summarized in guidance for Infection Control and Vaccination at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control-after-vaccination.html>. Regardless of vaccination status, health care providers should continue to wear source control while at work.

The new CDC guidance regarding vaccinated persons not needing to wear a mask does **not** apply in LTC settings, except in those specific cases outlined in the LTC Safe Start plans. Click [here](#) to view the updated Safe Start for Long-Term Care Recommendations and Requirements Document in its entirety.

Guidance regarding source control, including source control for visitors, is provided by the Department of Health (DOH) in the Interim Guidance for SARS-CoV-2 Source Control in Healthcare Settings at: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/631-100-SourceControlHealthcare.pdf>. This link also has a graph outlining the types of acceptable source control for each group (visitors, residents, staff).

Additional resources can be located at: [Contingency Strategies for PPE use during COVID-19 Pandemic – Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\) for Long-Term Care Settings \(PDF\)](#)

[Visitor Log \(PDF\)](#) (The letter in the visitor log outlines expectations of visitors)

An optional signage for providers to post for visitors, which includes a statement about source control requirements, can be found at: <http://www.wsha.org/wp-content/uploads/Masking-Sign-May2021.pdf>

Thank you for your continued commitment to resident health and safety. If you have any questions, please contact your local RCSPolicy@dshs.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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