

Circular 47-2022

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Dear Residents

COVID-19 regulations – Mask wearing.

The government has done away with the remaining COVID-19 regulations. The Centres for Disease Control and Prevention yesterday said more than 90% of the population now lives in a county with a low or medium COVID-19 Community Level, a new CDC measure for communities considering whether to require face coverings in public indoor settings. Even though unmasked faces have started appearing in shopping malls, in classrooms and on public transport, you could still be asked to cover up. It is up to the individual owner of facilities/businesses to determine what their policies are.

World Health Organization (WHO) regional director, Hans Kluge, said countries including Germany, France, Italy and Britain were lifting their restrictions and, as a result, witnessed sharp rises in infections.

It has been noted that certain facilities will determine their own regulations. Hospitals and other health care settings are not subject to these masking recommendations, meaning regardless of a community's status under the new metrics, local health care settings should continue to require visitors to wear masks. To this end, we confirm that Evergreen Health's nursing and care staff will wear masks in clinics areas with patients and visitors at high-risk care centres and when dealing with vulnerable residents/patients in their homes.

Evergreen Broadacres has done away with controls at the entrance to the village for family and visitors with immediate effect; we no longer have to wear a face mask in the common areas; if you wish to wear a mask out of their own free choice, please do so.

We will no longer deny access to special events due to numbers and will not insist that wearing face masks is mandatory. Having said this, we live in close contact with each other and I respectfully request that you practice caution if you have a cold, runny nose or just not feeling well – stay at home and do not socialise. It is up to us to stay vigilant, careful and protect each other as we are a small community. To this end, I encourage all residents to be alert to the fact that this is the winter season and onset of colds/flu is rife.

It may be an idea to maintain Covid-19 protocols by wearing a mask, sanitising and keeping your distance, when in shopping centres or overcrowded spaces and waiting rooms - these are simple measures that could be considered to help us live smartly with the coronavirus.

Warm Regards



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