

	TRAVIS COUNTY ESD #5 MANCHACA FIRE RESCUE Department Directive	D2022-001
		Effective: 1/13/2022
	COVID – 2022 Update	Rescinds:
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As the number of vaccinated individuals continues to rise and our community infection rates decrease, government agencies have adjusted protection recommendations. At this point, MFR is adjusting our COVID restrictions to the following:

Cloth / surgical / N95 masks are optional to wear while at the station, on apparatus, or during interactions with the public. Crews **will** continue to wear appropriate respiratory protection for medical calls.

Non-vaccinated personnel are encouraged to continue utilizing a mask and practicing proper distancing practices.

All personnel should be cognizant and sensitive to individual and business preferences to mask use. Personnel should respect the wishes of individuals we interact with and business we visit regarding mask usage.

All personnel should continue to monitor their health and not report for duty if they are experiencing ILI symptoms. Oncoming crews should take a covid test in the bay and shall wait on the results in the bay prior to entering the living or meeting quarters. If an individual tests positive at the station, the individual shall report to the supervisor and is encouraged to seek a PCR test and remain off shift until a negative test result is present. Personnel experiencing ILI symptoms will need to be COVID tested before returning to duty.

Personnel taking off work due to a positive test result should:

- Report to supervisor
- Supervisor will code the leave as PTO and make a note in the comment section "Covid"
- Employee shall be off shift for 48 hours and will not return to work on the next shift unless the individual still has symptoms

CDC guidelines: People with COVID-19 should isolate for 5 days and if they are asymptomatic or their symptoms are resolving (without fever for 24 hours), follow that by 5 days of wearing a mask when around others to minimize the risk of infecting people they encounter. The change is motivated by science demonstrating that the majority of SARS-CoV-2 transmission occurs early in the course of illness, generally in the 1-2 days prior to onset of symptoms and the 2-3 days after.

We will be limiting events at the station until Travis County returns back to or lower than Stage 2.