



MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL RESIDENTS, FAMILIES AND
STAFF OF THE WESLEY
COMMUNITIES

DATE: MAY 14, 2021

FROM: MARGARET R. CARMANY, CEO

RE: MASKS

Many of you saw and heard broadcasts from Governor DeWine and the Centers for Disease Control about a new rule about the wearing of masks. At the risk of being the bearer of bad news, I need to remind everyone that there was “fine print” attached to this rule:

1. This rule does not go into effect until June 2nd;
2. This rule only applies to fully vaccinated people;
3. Most importantly: this rule does not apply in nursing home and assisted living settings.

Clearly, fully vaccinated people can be unmasked in small group settings (while eating, in smaller group activities, while enjoying the company of others in small group settings). That is true in our communities. Our facilities, however, contain both nursing home and assisted living residents, as well as residents and staff who are not yet fully vaccinated (for a variety of reasons.)

Given that we are not identifying those people who are unvaccinated (although we’re working hard to get as many people as possible vaccinated), we need to be very careful that we are not under-

functioning regarding mask wearing.

So, 1) Please continue to wear a mask while in common areas of the buildings and anytime you are in a large group. 2) Please continue to wear a mask if you are uncertain of the vaccination status of those you are with. And please, remember to be **kind**.

Several among us are not vaccinated due to underlying health reasons. And we have had fully vaccinated staff and residents test positive for COVID-19. The issue of whether or not the virus is transmissible by fully vaccinated but positive people has not yet been fully determined, although it appears the risk is low.