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To: All Staff, Code 2A Date: August 2, 2021

From: Kathy Gallagher, Director

Subject: New Bay Area Health Order: Face Coverings Required Indoors

Effective tomorrow, <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>August 3rd</u>, <u>2021</u>, all EHSD and County staff members are required to wear a face covering at work, *regardless of vaccination status*. This is part of a new health order that Bay Area Health Officials announced today (<u>press release</u>) requiring the use of face coverings indoors to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Compliance

Compliance with the County's mask mandate is necessary at all EHSD locations as stated in the <u>Notice of Non-compliance with Health & Safety Orders</u> form. Failure to comply can lead to disciplinary action. Masks are available in each EHSD office from the building supervisor.

COVID Testing

You can easily make an appointment for a COVID test online by visiting the Contra Costa Health Services (CCHS) <u>Get Tested</u> page. You must notify your supervisor if you have been exposed to COVID-19, and use your accruals to stay home until you get the test results. If you receive a negative test result, let your supervisor know and you can return to the office. If the result is positive, you must quarantine at home and provide a copy of your test result to Personnel, which will provide information on the requirements for returning to work.

COVID-19 Vaccine

Health officials are also urging community members to get vaccinations, and are reminding everyone that this measure remains the most powerful tool in the fight against COVID-19. For more information about the COVID-19 vaccine and to make an appointment, visit CCHS' <u>Get Vaccinated</u> page.

Your and your family's health, and that of our EHSD customers, is always very important, and especially through this ongoing pandemic. I strongly encourage all of you to consider getting the COVID-19 vaccine. You are entitled to two hours of release time for this purpose.