



**TO: Residents of Nimi Nikkei Home, Families, Staff, Volunteers and Contractor**

**FROM: Jay Haraga, Executive Director**

**SUBJECT: Update on Mask Requirement and other updates**

**DATE: April 18, 2024**

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Dear Staff, Residents, Volunteers, and Contractors,

With recent trends showing continued decreases in community-level transmission of COVID-19, flu and RSV, the Ministry of Health, Dr. Bonnie Henry, announced the enhanced masking measure on March 8, 2024, is up to care providers based on a point care risk assessment. Based on this announcement, we are ending the enhanced masking measures effective Monday, April 22, 2024. The related Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) measures at Nimi Nikkei Home are as follows:

1. Wearing a mask is “no longer required” throughout Nimi Nikkei Home. However, the Nikkei Seniors Leadership team will support anyone who prefers to continue wearing a mask.
2. Wearing a facemask is recommended for visitors but not required.
3. Please continue Hand-hygiene practices.
4. Nikkei Seniors Health Care and Housing Society will continue the standard Infection Prevention and Control measures and point care risk assessments.
5. If you have cold/flu-like symptoms, do not attend group activities or work, and do not hesitate to contact the team leader on duty.

Lastly, the COVID spring booster clinic at Nimi Nikkei Home will be on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, provided by Save on Foods Pharmacy. If the families or residents have questions, please get in touch with our Team Lead Coordinator, Tara Pagnottaro. Also, our new community health nurse from Fraser Health Authority is Laura Lacheur, who is replacing Christina Ceradi.

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