



August 25, 2021

MASK GUIDANCE TO COMMONWEALTH LESSORS

TO: Commonwealth Lessors

As you are aware, the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is recommending that everyone in areas with high or substantial transmission wear a mask in public indoor settings, regardless of their vaccination status. As of the date of this letter, nearly all Pennsylvania counties are marked with high or substantial levels of COVID-19 transmission. In order to combat these high transmission rates, the commonwealth has re-instated measures to reduce potential spread in our workplaces.

On August 20, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Office of Administration issued a communication to all commonwealth employees, announcing:

Effective August 23, 2021, all employees and contracted staff working in agencies under the Governor's jurisdiction are required to wear a mask indoors, regardless of their vaccination status. Visitors are encouraged to also wear masks but will not be required.

Lessors are also encouraged to re-instate mask guidelines, such as the one above, to assist the efforts to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. We also remind you to continue to reference the CDC [Guidelines for Workplaces and Businesses](#) and the guide to [Cleaning and Disinfecting Your Facility](#). The CDC regularly updates these resources with the most current guidelines.

If you have any questions, please contact the DGS Bureau of Real Estate (Beth Christian, elchristia@pa.gov or 717-787-4394).

Thank you for your continued diligence and cooperation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shawn Smith". The signature is stylized with large, overlapping loops and a cursive-like flow.

Shawn Smith,
Deputy Secretary for Administration
Pennsylvania Department of General Services