

COVID-19 EOP all-staff update July 22, 2020

Masks in Collier County

Please note that **Collier County Commissioners Adopt Emergency/Executive Order No. 202005 on July 21, 2020, Mandating Face Coverings in Some Public Settings.**

This means that masks are mandated to be worn in most public settings. To read more about the entire mandate of where and when masks are required to be worn in Collier County please visit

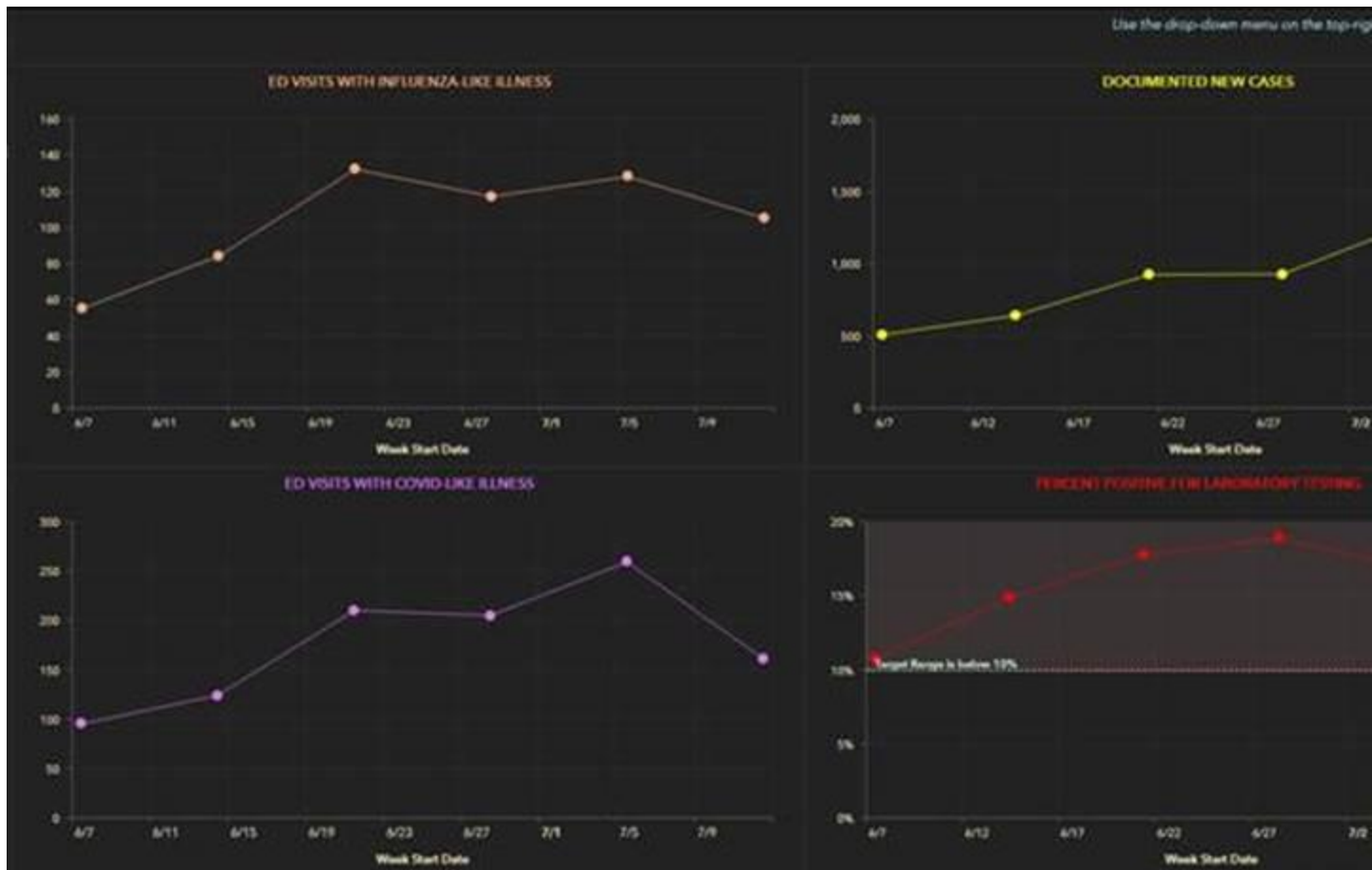
<https://www.colliercountyfl.gov/home/showdocument?id=94197>.

No Cloth Masks on Campus, Pick Up a Medical Mask to Wear

Avow has required face coverings while at work for some time. We are now requiring all of our employees to wear at least a medical mask at work as opposed to hand made masks and face coverings. All employees have access to Avow provided medical masks and may pick them up at the following locations:

- Lyon Center front desk.
- Smith Building near the front desk or near the PPE closet.
- Staff at Hospice House will continue to wear N-95 masks as their role requires. Those who may wear a medical mask, may obtain them through leadership in the unit.
- Clinical staff may continue to pick up all Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as they have previously.

Avow continues to monitor Health Metrics around Covid-19. You will see that cases of COVID continue to increase in the county and we continue to be well above the targeted range of no more than 10% positive. Please consider that anyone you come in contact with may have COVID even if they are asymptomatic. Wear your mask, maintain greater than 6 feet whenever possible. If your role allows you to work from home, and with supervisor approval, please work from home. Limit time on campus to minimum necessary.



COVID-19 Testing on Campus for Clinical and Support Staff

Tuesday – 07/28 (6:00am-11:00am)

Wednesday – 07/29 (2:00pm-7:00pm)

Wednesday – 08/05 (6:00am-11:00am)

Thursday – 08/06 (2:00pm-7:00pm)

Wednesday – 08/12 (6:00am-11:00am)

Thursday – 08/13 (2:00pm-7:00pm)

Tuesday – 08/25 (6:00am-11:00am)

Wednesday – 08/26 (2:00pm-7:00pm)

Wednesday – 09/02 (6:00am-11:00am)

Thursday – 09/03(2:00pm-7:00pm)

Considerations for Health Care Workers to Reduce the Spread of COVID-19

Please be responsible. Before going out to a restaurant, gathering, or event, consider the risk of contracting COVID-19 and spreading it to others. As an essential worker, you have a special duty to reduce the risk of spreading the virus. Taking precautions helps to keep you, your family, co-workers, and patients safe.



Know how it spreads

- There is currently no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).
- **The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus.**
- The virus is thought to [spread mainly from person-to-person](#).
 - Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).
 - Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks.
 - These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.
 - Some recent studies have suggested that COVID-19 may be spread by people who are not showing symptoms.