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LTC Update:

- **CDC New Recommendations—Effective July 29, 2021**

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On July 27, 2021, in light of the national increase in COVID-19 activity that has been fueled by the Delta variant, the CDC issued new recommendations regarding the use of masking indoors. CDC recommends that everyone wear a mask in public indoor settings in areas of substantial or high transmission, **regardless of vaccination status**, to help prevent the spread of the Delta variant of COVID-19.

In the past four weeks, Indiana has seen a significant increase in COVID-19 cases fueled by the Delta variant, which spreads more than twice as easily from one person to another compared with earlier strains. Indiana positivity rate has gone from just over 2 percent in late June to more than 6 percent today, July 28th and our daily case counts are climbing. **Because of this increase in activity, and to help keep residents, HCP, and their families safe, this adjunct document indicates areas that are immediately affected by adopting the CDC's recommendations. Please begin by asking that masks and source controls practices be updated in your facilities effective July 29.**

Complete Guidance: [Adjunct IDOH Guidance: LTC Facilities Guidelines in Response to COVID-19 Vaccination July 28, 2021](#)