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Clatsop County Public Health To Lift Mask Mandate in Public Health Offices

(Astoria, OR) — In partnership with Oregon Health Authority, Clatsop County Department of Public Health will stop requiring individuals to wear masks when visiting public health offices beginning Monday, April 3.

The Oregon Health Authority is lifting its requirement for healthcare workers, patients and visitors in health care settings to wear face masks as COVID-19, RSV and seasonal Influenza infections have decreased.

"We are committed to keeping people safe and preventing the further spread of these viruses," said Jiancheng Huang, director of public health. "That means we will ask clients to wear a mask if they have any of the following symptoms:

- Fever or feeling feverish/chills
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Muscle or body aches
- Headaches
- Fatigue (tiredness)"

Clatsop County Public Health Department may reschedule an appointment if a client refuses to comply with the face mask request.

"We appreciate the public's understanding and cooperation," Huang said.