

RAILS
COVID-19 SAFETY PROCEDURES

Governor Pritzker issued an updated Executive Order on February 28 officially ending mandatory masking in most indoor settings. The CDC also released [updated guidelines](#) regarding masking on Friday, February 25. The Illinois State Library has also updated their mask guidance to be in accordance with these changes.

In keeping with the updates, RAILS is updating its guidance regarding masking within our facilities, beginning Wednesday, March 2nd.

Updated masking guidelines (effective March 2):

- Masks are recommended, but not required in all RAILS facilities.
- Staff should continue to social distance (at least six feet) whenever possible.
- Masks are required to be worn by RAILS employees when there is an inability to social distance.
- Temperature check is no longer required. We will leave the temperature check machines available to all staff who wish to continue to check.
- Bi-weekly testing of unvaccinated employees will continue. Those employees that are vaccinated and potentially boosted will continue to turn in a copy of their vaccination card. Those who have questions should contact Human Resources for more information.
- RAILS staff are expected to show respect and good judgement to all their RAILS colleagues and RAILS members, regardless of their choices regarding masking.
- These guidelines may change as the situation in Illinois changes. We will continue to adjust these guidelines to reflect the best practice of the state of Illinois and the CDC.

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please don't hesitate to contact Human Resources for additional guidance.