### **RESOLUTION 2022-03**

# OF THE TOWN OF NASHVILLE, INDIANA A RESOLUTION CONCERNING COVID-19 PROTOCOLS FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF TOWN OF NASHVILLE, INDIANA

WHEREAS, guidance on isolation has been updated by the CDC and the medical experts have raised the importance of using the proper type of masks as new variants emerge and COVID-19 cases rise.

WHEREAS, as a result of these updates, the Town of Nashville COVID-19 Health & Safety guidelines have been updated.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Town Council of the Town of Nashville, Brown County, Indiana:

#### **ISOLATION UPDATE**

The simple criteria to always apply first, if you experience any type of symptom related to COVID-19, STAY HOME and take care of the symptoms.

Remain at home until the symptoms resolve or a test indicates that you do not have COVID-19.

## If You Test Positive or Exhibit Symptoms

Staff Working in the Buildings: We are maintaining the 10-day isolation period if you are exhibiting symptoms or have tested positive for COVID-19, whether you are showing symptoms or not and regardless of your vaccination status. This differs slightly from the CDC update however we have proven over the past 20 months that we can productively work from home. If your symptoms are mild and you can maintain your productivity while working at home, we want to take advantage of this aspect and keep employees safe from the spreading infection.

Staff Working in the Field: We are shortening the isolation period for staff that work in the field to 5 days. If you have no symptoms or your symptoms are resolving after 5 days, you can return to the field. Continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days.

## If You Have Been in Close Contact

The criteria for close-contact situations, where you have been in close contact with someone with confirmed or suspected COVID-19, is dependent on your vaccination status. For those that are fully vaccinated (with Pfizer or Moderna) within the past 6 months, completed the primary series of the J&J vaccine within the last 2 months, or have received a booster:

- Wear a mask around others for 10-days.
- o If possible, test on day 5 to determine your status.

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For those that are not vaccinated, or have completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna over 6 months ago and are not boosted, completed the primary series of the J&J vaccine over 2 months ago are not boosted or are unvaccinated:

- O Stay home for 5 days. After that continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days.
- O Test on day 5, if possible to determine your status.

## **MASK UPDATE**

As a result of the highly contagious aspect of the Omicron variant, medical experts have recently stressed the importance of wearing a mask, and even more so, the type of mask. The cloth mask that we have all been wearing for the past several months are not as effective against the Omicron variant.

The recommendations for mask wearing to effectively protect yourself from either inhaling the virus or spreading the virus are listed below in order of more effectiveness:

- 1. Use a N95 or KN95 type mask
- 2. Double mask with a cloth mask and surgical mask
- 3. Use a surgical mask (available at the front door of the building)

Although our guidelines don't mandate the use of masks in our offices, unless mandated by state or local requirements, we highly encourage our staff in all offices to wear a mask while in the public areas of the office.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF NASHVILLE, BROWN COUNTY, INDIANA, THIS  $6^{\rm TH}$  DAY OF JANUARY, 2022.

Council President Nancy Crocker

yea nay abstain

Council Vice-President Anna Hofstetter

yea nay abstain

Council Member Jane Gore

yea nay abstain

Council Member Tyra Miller

yea nay abstain

Council Member Tyra Miller

Council Member Dave Rudd

ATTEST:

Clerk-Treasurer, Brenda K. Yophs