

New FAQs – July 21, 2021

1. *Please share any info regarding the Delta variant.*

From the COVID-19 Response Team:

The Delta variant is making up more than 50% of the newly diagnosed cases in LA County. We do not have data on the number of Delta cases in Orange County but presume it is similar. The Delta variant is twice as contagious as the original COVID-19 virus strain. It is extremely efficient in being transmitted to multiple people within indoor spaces if masks are not worn. We recommend that all staff and patients wear masks indoors while not eating or drinking or when around people outside of their household.

2. *As COVID cases continue to increase, will we all still be expected to return to the office in September?*

From the COVID-19 Response Team:

We are still required to maintain six-foot distancing and wear masks indoors when employees return to the office. We feel that these measures, in addition to screening, hand hygiene and frequent cleaning, will keep people safe, but everyone needs to follow all of these safety guidelines.

3. *If an employee has symptoms but has been vaccinated, should they seek a COVID-19 test? Or come into work?*

From the COVID-19 Response Team:

If an employee has symptoms concerning for a new viral illness, they should notify their supervisor and Employee Health. If the symptoms may be consistent with COVID-19 infection, Employee Health will offer testing. People should not be coming to work if they have symptoms of a contagious illness, regardless of vaccinated status.