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Dear Colleagues,

National, state, and local surveillance data show declining levels of community respiratory viral infections, signaling that the 2025–2026 respiratory viral season is ending.
Effective Friday, May 1, 2026, the following programs will conclude until the start of the next respiratory viral season:

- **End of the UCSF Health–wide respiratory viral season masking requirement** for all direct patient care.
    - Masking will continue to be required:
        - For specific Transmission-Based Isolation Precautions (e.g., Droplet Isolation, Novel Respiratory Isolation) and, when appropriate, as part of Standard Precautions (e.g., when splashes or sprays of body fluids are anticipated)
        - When requested by patients or their families
        - When required by specific clinical service lines
    - Staff may continue to wear a mask at any time based on personal preference or comfort
- **End of the Respiratory Season and Flu Vaccine Programs** for employees and patients
- **End of the visitor age restriction** for children under 5 years old at BCH–San Francisco and BCH–Oakland

A successful respiratory virus prevention program requires organizational initiative and broad engagement. We thank you for your continued commitment to providing safe care by preventing respiratory viral transmission.

If you have any questions, please reach out to your unit leadership or the Infection Prevention team.

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