



## Revised Mask Policy

Effective Tuesday, March 21<sup>th</sup>, masks will once again become **optional** for **patients** and **employees** at all Urology of Virginia locations.



**As before, masks will be required under certain circumstances:**

1. Respiratory infection (e.g., those with runny nose, cough, sneeze)
2. Close contact (patients and visitors) or a higher-risk exposure (HCPs) with someone with SARS-CoV-2 infection, for 10 days after their exposure.
3. Public Health and CDC recommended guidelines.

Individuals might also choose to continue masks based on personal preference, informed by their perceived level of risk for infection based on their recent activities (e.g., attending crowded indoor gatherings with poor ventilation) and their potential for developing severe disease. ***We will continue to have masks available for patients and employees based on the above circumstances and personal preferences.***

We understand that this policy change will be welcomed by some and concerning to others. We are committed to a safe environment for our staff and patients and will continue to monitor the situation carefully and take all appropriate actions toward this goal.