



## MEMORANDUM

To: Vinson Hall and Willow Oak Residents, Family and Staff  
From: Haider Mahmood, Administrator of Vinson Hall and Willow Oak  
Subject: Updated Indoor Mask Requirements  
Date: August 6, 2021

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As you know, Vinson Hall Retirement Community closely follows the guidance of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Fairfax County Department of Health. Both of these organizations have now recommended that all individuals – vaccinated or not – wear masks again in public indoor settings. With this recommendation and due to current COVID-19 activity, we must reinstitute mask wearing in all indoor public areas at VHRC.

In Vinson Hall and Willow Oak, indoor public areas are any area outside of a resident's apartment, including hallways and elevators, dining rooms, the Health & Wellness Center, the Fitness Center, and lounges. Residents will also be required to wear masks when traveling in a VHRC bus or courtesy car.

This mask requirement is effective immediately. Residents, staff, and guests in Arleigh Burke Pavilion, Community Building and The Sylvestery will continue to wear masks in common areas as they have done throughout

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the pandemic. Masks can be either cloth or surgical for residents and guests, staff members are required to wear disposable surgical masks or KN-95 masks.

Along with this masking news, here are a few reminders:

- All visitors and staff will continue to be screened for signs and symptoms of COVID-19. Individuals with signs or symptoms, regardless of vaccination status, will be denied entry.
- Visitors should be prepared to show proof of vaccination upon arrival at a VHRC building. With proof, visitors will receive a visitor card, which will grant access to dining rooms and VHRC events. Visitors only need to show their proof of vaccination once. If you have already shown proof of vaccination, you do not need to do so again, but you may be asked to show your visitor card. Currently, only vaccinated visitors may dine in a VHRC dining room or participate in VHRC events.

If you have any questions, please call Haider Mahmood at ext. 3063 or email him at [haiderm@vinsonhall.org](mailto:haiderm@vinsonhall.org).

Thank you for your cooperation in helping to keep our community safe.