

Good morning Coggies,

On February 28, 2022, Governor Kate Brown announced the mask requirements for Masking in Indoor Spaces (OAR 333-019-1025) and the masking requirements in its rule for Masking in Schools (OAR 333-019-105) would no longer be in effect beginning March 12, 2022. Masks will still be legally required in health care settings and on public transportation, such as buses, airports, and airplanes. **Our Food & Friends and SDS programs will provide staff with worksite-specific masking requirements based on their individual worksite and safety requirements.**

We want to thank everyone for their hard work and support of the changing rules and workplace landscape over the last two years. We also want to acknowledge the hardships and challenges many of us experienced. Please continue to be respectful of those who continue to wear a mask due to their own health condition or because they are a caregiver for a high-risk individual.

Furthermore, Governor Kate Brown announced that she would also be lifting Oregon's COVID-19 emergency declaration effective April 1, 2022, and reopening state offices to the general public. The RVCOG main office and all affiliated offices will reopen to the general public on April 1, 2022.

We encourage staff to follow your medical providers recommendations regarding vaccines and boosters, practice good hygiene and hand washing, and stay home if sick. We also encourage those who schedule in-person meetings to consider hybrid options when possible. In some cases, hybrid options allow greater flexibility for staff and our business partners to attend meetings. Additionally, House Bill 2560, passed in the 2021 Oregon Legislature, requires that public meetings allow for virtual attendance.

