## Effective Monday, March 13:

Masks are now optional at Schneck Medical Center facilities due to a sustained decrease in our organization's respiratory illness rates. Continuing to prevent the transmission of respiratory illnesses is our goal, so please wear a mask in the following situations:

Patients, if you've had the following symptoms in the last 48 hours:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Sore Throat
- Close contact to someone testing positive for Covid-19, Influenza, or RSV

Visitors, if you meet any of the above criteria, we ask that you please stay home until symptoms have resolved or wear a mask while visiting our facilities.

Your confidence in our care is a priority. Please ask our team members to wear a mask if this increases your comfort level at any point in your SMC experience.

Schneck's goal is to keep our respiratory illness rates low and continue to prevent transmission. For this reason, infection prevention interventions will continue to be implemented throughout our facilities. Organization respiratory illness rates with the CDC's community metrics will continue to be monitored. Any changes to our masking requirements or other restrictions will be updated via our website.



<sup>\*</sup>Masks may no longer be required once a diagnosis has been made.