

# Quick CONNECTIONS

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## ***Reminder: Influenza Policy and Mask Requirements Take Effect November 1. Where to Find Designated Mask-Free Zones.***

As you have heard, an organization-wide policy was implemented requiring all employees, volunteers, students, contracted staff, medical staff, allied health staff members, residents, medical students, and vendors to participate in flu prevention by receiving an annual influenza vaccination by **October 31**, or, wearing a protective mask during the flu season, beginning **November 1**. By now, employees should have completed their education on the Halogen Learning Management System (LMS) to familiarize themselves with the efforts.

Because not every employee can be given the shot due to medical, religious or personal reasons, those employees not receiving flu vaccinations are required to wear a mask upon entering any Covenant building, to help prevent the spread of flu.

We want to make sure our patients understand extra precautions are being taken to keep them safe during this flu season.

“Flu Stops with You” posters will mark all hospital entrances beginning this month to notify our patients and their families of the extra precaution Covenant employees are taking to keep them safe. In addition, “Mask-Free Zones” will also be clearly identified with posters displaying the following messages:

“This area has no patient or visitor face-to-face interaction, and has therefore been approved as a designated Mask-Free Zone by Covenant Infection Prevention and Employee Health for the 2015/16 influenza season. Individuals who do not have a flu shot may remove their masks while in this area.”

**To assist you, on page two is a listing of “Mask-Free Zones” for Covenant employees. The most up-to-date list can also be located on the InfoNet under Department/Employee Health called “Mask Free Zones,” or, on the Resource Page under the Clinical References & Tools section called 'Flu Mask Free Zones'.**

Thank you for doing your part to keep Covenant, our patients, and each other safe.

Should you have any questions about the influenza virus and its symptoms, contact Infection Prevention at 583.4466 or 583.4324. For influenza policy questions, please contact your Human Resources consultant, or call Risk Management at 583.4142.

## Where to Find Designated Mask-Free Zones.

<b>COOPER CAMPUS</b>	
3 East	Break Room
3 Main	Employee Break Room
3 North	Employee Break Room
4 North	Employee Break Room (Room 447)
5M/5N	Employee Break Room
6 North	Employee Break Room/ Locker Room
Clinical Decision Unit	Employee Break Room
Center for the Heart	Break Room
ECC	Employee Break Room
I&D	Employee Lounge
Pharmacy	Employee Break Room
Respiratory Care	Respiratory Dept.
SICU	Employee Break Room
CCU	Manager Office
CCU	Employee Break Room
Cath Lab	Kitchen and Lounge
Non-Invasive Testing CVS	Kitchen 2MA 710 Second Floor, 900 Cooper
CVRU/CVS	Kitchen and Break Rooms 2MA095 and 2MA090
<b>HARRISON CAMPUS</b>	
2 Main	Employee Break Room
I&D	Employee Lounge
Pharmacy	Employee Break Room
Respiratory Care	Respiratory Services
RNICU	NNP Office
RNICU	Employee Break Room
RNICU	CNS Office
Center for the Heart	Break Room
RNICU	Educator Office
<b>MACKINAW CAMPUS</b>	
I&D	Employee Lounge
I&D/Breast Health Center	Employee Lounge

<b>MICHIGAN CAMPUS</b>	
Central Business Office (CBO)	Employee Break Room
Information Technology	Complete Area
PM&R/Rehab	Employee Break Room
PM&R/Rehab	Private Offices
PM&R/Rehab	Lower Level Office for Inpatient Rehab
PM&R/Rehab	Conference Room 3009
PM&R/Rehab	Conference Room
Sleep Lab	Work/Report Room
Sleep Lab	Private Offices
PM&R/TCU	Employee Break Room
<b>OTHER AREAS</b>	
Pediatric Neurology	Employee Break Room
Sebewaing Primary Care	Employee Break Room
Freeland Primary Care	Employee Break Room
Bay Primary Care	Employee Break Room
Covenant Cardiology Marlette	Employee Break Room
Covenant Cardiology Berl Dr.	Employee Break Room
MedExpress Offices (ALL 5)	Employee Break Room
Covenant Medical Group (CMG)	1575 Concentric, Whole Building
PM&R/PT(Irving)	Basement Employee Break Room
PM&R/PT Frankenmuth	Basement Employee Break Room
Saginaw Valley Primary Care	Employee Break Room
Bridgeport Family Physicians	Employee Break Room
Birch Run Primary Care	Employee Break Room
Frankenmuth Family Care	Employee Break Room