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James E. Thorsen, CFA, Director

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Dear colleagues,

Yesterday, the Governor announced that the Executive Order pertaining to masking and proof of vaccination/negative test for indoor public places and large venues will be sunset as of tomorrow, February 11, 2022.

As for State Executive Branch offices, we are targeting to lift the masking requirement on March 4th.

In the meantime, all State employees and visitors must continue to follow the masking requirements as detailed in the [COVID-19 Policy](#) while in a state facility.

A final determination on the lifting of the masking requirement in State Executive Branch Offices on March 4th will be made after a review of the data surrounding case rates. If case rates spike as we approach March 4th, the masking order may be extended. Prior to March 4th, we will issue another communication which will state the final determination, as well as a link to the updated COVID-19 Policy which will provide additional guidance on any changes to the masking requirements.

It should also be noted that the masking requirements for our State health care facilities that fall under the Rhode Island Department of Health's regulation [216-RICR-20-15-8](#) and the [COVID-19 Vaccine Policy for Licensed Health Care Workers, Providers and Facilities](#) will remain in affect after March 4th and until further notice. Furthermore, healthcare workers should refer to their agency's guidance regarding agency specific COVID-19 related protocols.

If you have any questions, we encourage you to reach out to your supervisor. Additionally, DOA Human Resources can be reached at doa.hrcontact@hr.ri.gov.

We appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James E. Thorsen", written over a circular stamp or seal.

James E. Thorsen
Director of Administration