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Universal Mask Wearing Update

Acute Respiratory Infections

Acute respiratory infections are currently circulating at a high rate within the community.

Community health care teams have been advised to implement universal face mask wearing due to visiting a range of settings.

There are no current plans to re introduce universal face mask wearing in social care settings, unless there is a suspected or declared outbreak.

Reminder!

Infection prevention standard precautions are essential to the prevention of infections and transmission.

- Hand hygiene advising visitors to wash their hands before proceeding into the setting.
- Encourage staff and residents to also carry out this basic behaviour.

Vaccinations

It's not too late to get vaccinated. Please ensure your residents and staff are up to date with their vaccinations;

- Flu
- Covid-19
- RSV (please check with your GP practice for eligible residents).

More information available at: https://lincolnshire.icb.nhs.uk/g rab-a-jab/

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