Based on updated guidance from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued on February 25, 2022, the Genesis Coronavirus [Protocol](https://hr.genesisenergy.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/Genesis-Coronavirus-Protocols-May-1-2021.pdf) and COVID-19 Preparedness and Response [Procedure](https://portal.genlp.com/Solutions/WO/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/Solutions/WO/OM_DocumentInv_Published/494.pdf&action=default) are being updated and certain protocols and procedures that are specified in this communication will be suspended, effective immediately.

*Suspended Protocols and Procedures*:

* Use of face masks or coverings are no longer required at Genesis worksites unless the employee or visitor has been instructed by the Genesis HSSE department that use of a face mask is required. *See Continuing Requirements below*.
* Social distancing practices are no longer required to be observed, regardless of vaccination status.
* Non-essential business travel and attendance at external business meetings, conferences or events may resume with appropriate management approval.

*Continuing Requirements*:

* Common sense public health practices such as respiratory etiquette, hand washing, and sanitizing work surfaces should continue to be practiced.
* Employees and visitors should remain vigilant about self-monitoring for symptoms of COVID-19.
* Employees who are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, have been in close contact with someone with COVID-19, or who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 should notify their supervisor and Genesis HSSE (GenesisHSSE@genlp.com) for guidance. Do not come to work until you have been cleared to do so. Genesis HSSE will follow CDC guidance regarding use of face masks for exposures to positive cases of COVID-19, symptomatic individuals, positive and recovering cases of COVID-19, and such other guidance as the CDC may recommend.
* Similarly, visitors who are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, who have recently been exposed to COVID-19, or recently tested positive for COVID-19, should refrain from entering Genesis worksites unless pre-authorized by Genesis HSSE.

**The suspension of the certain protocols and procedures described in this communication may be temporary. If future community transmission rates increase or other conditions develop, we may reinstate all or part of these protocols and procedures, or institute new protocols and procedures, and you will be informed.**

In addition to staying up to date on COVID-19 vaccines, the CDC recommends that you use the COVID-19 Community Level Tool ([map](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html)) to identify circumstances where use of a face mask is appropriate. Employees and visitors may choose to use face coverings notwithstanding the revisions to the protocols and procedures. As we have done throughout the pandemic, we will monitor the conditions of our areas of operations and develop protocols and procedures as appropriate for our employees.