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Masking Policy Update from CPETS22 Chair PDG Jim Roney to Planning Committee

PDG Roger Harrell and I have reviewed the latest CDC notification regarding recommendations for indoor masking. Roger, as our resident expert on public health issues, researched CDC's guidance for Chantilly, VA and found the area to be in the green. The following is copied from CDC's website:

COVID-19 County Check

[Find community levels and prevention steps by county.](#)

Low

In **Fairfax City County, Virginia**, community level is **Low**.

- Stay [up to date](#) with COVID-19 vaccines
- [Get tested](#) if you have symptoms

People may choose to mask at any time. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask.

If you are immunocompromised, learn more about [how to protect yourself](#).

Based on CDC's findings, Roger is now advising that we now make masking during our event strictly optional, and I concur with this recommendation. Therefore, I am changing the protocol for masking at CPETS from required to optional.

The DGEs may conduct their District Breakouts as they see fit, so if they wish to require masks in their rooms, they may. However masking will be optional in all other areas, including meals, multi-district break outs, and receptions. Roger and I feel this is an absolutely appropriate at this time, and will make the PETS experience much more enjoyable for all.

Looking forward to seeing everyone Thursday. Your friend in Rotary,

Chair Jim Roney