ERIE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

To: **Attention - ALL EMPLOYEES**

Subject: **Updated COVID Information - March 7, 2024**

ECWA is following the CDC guidance (which can be found here) CDC updates and simplifies respiratory virus recommendations | CDC Online Newsroom | CDC

The CDC has updated their COVID policy. COVID is now just like any other respiratory virus.
In order to stop the spread of all infectious respiratory disease the CDC recommends:

- **Staying** up to date with vaccinations to protect people against serious illness, hospitalization, and death. This includes flu, COVID-19, and RSV if eligible.
- **Practicing good hygiene** by covering coughs and sneezes, washing or sanitizing hands often, and cleaning frequently touched surfaces.
- **Taking steps for cleaner air**, such as bringing in more fresh outside air, purifying indoor air, or gathering outdoors.

If you do test positive for COVID or the flu or any other contagious disease, ECWA encourages you to stay home and do not share your germs with your co-workers.

The CDC recommendations suggest returning to normal activities when, for at least 24 hours, symptoms are improving overall, and if a fever was present, it has been gone without use of a fever-reducing medication.
Once people resume normal activities, they are encouraged to take additional prevention strategies for the next 5 days to curb disease spread, such as taking more steps for cleaner air, enhancing hygiene practices, wearing a well-fitting mask, and keeping a distance from others.
** masks available from ECWA if needed upon return from a sickness – contact HR**

There will no longer be any special requirements if/when you test positive for COVID. We do ask that you always think about the health and safety of your co-workers and stay home if you are sick.

If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Hibit at jhibit@ecwa.org or 716-685-8249.

Stay Healthy and Stay Home if you are sick, don't share your germs with your co-workers!