



**WATAUGA  
OPPORTUNITIES, INC.**  
ENABLING SELF-RELIANCE THROUGH EMPLOYMENT

MEMO: Staff, Participants, Parents, Caregivers  
FROM: Michael Maybee  
DATE: May 17, 2021  
RE: **COVID-19 Masking Changes**

First, I'd like to thank you for your patience and understanding over the past 14 months through all the change we've experienced together due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

I'd also like to thank you for participating in WOI's COVID-19 vaccination clinics and for your diligence in pursuing the vaccination process. WOI staff and participants are over 90% vaccinated. Due to our high vaccination rate, and after reviewing the CDC's recent guidance on masking and Friday's guidance from North Carolina DHHS, I'm happy to inform you that we will **no longer require masks at WOI for those individuals who have been fully vaccinated.** Individuals will continue to wear a mask on Appalcart and places within the community where masks are still required. Because of this, we ask that individuals continue to bring a mask every day to WOI. Of course, we will support any individual who continues to be more comfortable wearing a mask. Please contact your program head or myself if you have any questions.