

# DCV Covid Policy Update – 09/14/23

DCV is modifying its COVID policy, effective September 14, 2023. This policy will remain in effect until further notice.

These recommendations are based upon the **Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)** documentation on **Reported COVID-19 New Hospital Admissions Rate per 100,000 Population in the Past Week**. (see below)

At this point, the District of Columbia is listed in the medium range of 10.0 to 19.9 hospital admissions per 100,000. This is in **the yellow range**.

## **DCV Recommendation**

We encourage our members to wear a mask at DCV meetings and events. A mask is not required but is encouraged. At all DCV meetings and events, masks will be made available to participants who request one.

## **Events with Food and Drink**

Eating and drinking is a component of a number of DCV's events which are planned over the coming months (e.g. Home Social Hours, Happy Hours, Coffee and Conversation, Soup Salons, etc.) At such events, members are encouraged to be masked except when actively eating or drinking. If a member is particularly concerned about their own well-being because of their susceptibility to COVID, it is recommended that the member not register for such an event.

## **Please Note**

These recommendations are being made by DCV out of an abundance of caution and for the optimal well-being of our members. While the hospitalization rate for DC is higher than other locations across the nation, it is still relatively low. There is no need to become overly alarmed about COVID at this time.

For DC health guidance, please review

[https://coronavirus.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/coronavirus/page\\_content/attachments/DCHealth Guidance for %20Masks and Respirators 2023.6.7.pdf](https://coronavirus.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/coronavirus/page_content/attachments/DCHealth%20Guidance%20for%20Masks%20and%20Respirators%202023.6.7.pdf)