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## **MEMO 24-13**

**TO: Administrator, DON, Infection Preventionists, & QA Committee Members**

**FROM: Mary Gracey- White RN, BSN, QCP Director of Regulatory Compliance and  
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**DATE: May 8, 2024**

**RE: Influenza No Longer Prevalent in NYS**

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Please be advised that the NYSDOH has issued a Health Advisory indicating Influenza is no longer prevalent in NYS for the 2023-24 influenza season, as of May 8, 2024. Therefore, health care workers not vaccinated against influenza for the current influenza season no longer need to wear a surgical or procedure mask in areas where residents are typically present. Masks as universal source control is no longer required for influenza and Covid-19 and is at the discretion of the facility.

Please contact the Association if you need further information.