



COVID-19: Position Statement

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LVIM takes public health seriously, follows CDC guidance, and will always err on the side of caution when it comes to the health and safety of our patients, volunteers, and staff.

In response to COVID-19, LVIM remains focused on maintaining operations, stewarding resources, and continuing to live up to our mission to provide high-quality, compassionate, free healthcare to the working uninsured of Polk County, FL. In order to do that, we will continue to **exercise appropriate caution**, employ **additional cleaning** techniques throughout the building, **screen all individuals** coming to the building, **require masks** while inside our facility or within 6-feet of another individual while outside on LVIM property, and **encourage vaccinations** for those who can receive them.

While LVIM is not, *at this time*, mandating that all staff and volunteers be vaccinated, **it is LVIM's strong conviction that vaccinations save lives and are a critical key to stopping the spread of COVID-19.**

LVIM's Circle of Caring guides us in all we do:

*May we have eyes to see those rendered invisible and excluded,
Open arms and hearts to reach out and include them,
Healing hands to touch their lives with love,
And in the process heal ourselves.*

LVIM is about providing access to healthcare, education, prevention and primary healthcare to ensure that our clients get well and stay well so they can stay out of the hospital, continue living fulfilling lives, provide for their families, and contribute to the greater community.

LVIM is also built on the foundation of volunteers and takes very seriously the call to protect those who serve our clients.

LVIM's COVID-19 policies and procedures reflect this culture of caring.

At LVIM, we believe that kindness, love, and respect are universal.

And, we believe that masks and vaccinations are the most effective tools to stop the spread of COVID-19.