On February 25, 2022, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated their method and guidelines for determining when prevention measures such as masking are recommended within a community.

**Why the Change?**
This updated approach focuses on directing prevention efforts towards protecting people at high risk for severe illness and preventing hospitals and healthcare systems from being overwhelmed.

**Red Cliff Decision:**
The cases of Covid-19 have decreased significantly in the Red Cliff community. According to the new CDC Covid-19 County Check tool, Bayfield County is identified as low based on hospital beds being used, hospital admissions, and the total number of new COVID-19 cases in an area. In addition, the Red Cliff Health Team monitors internal metrics on a daily basis.

Effective March 1, 2022, Red Cliff lifts the mandate requiring masks in Tribal Buildings where not otherwise required by the nature of the business or internal policy (i.e. Red Cliff Health Center).

There are still vulnerable populations within the community. Please be respectful of those who voluntarily still wear a mask for their health and protection.

The Red Cliff Health Center asks that everyone continue to be diligent. If you are sick, stay home and get tested. Socially distance when possible and practice good hand washing. The Covid-19 vaccine is still the best protection of preventing severe illness and death. Call the Health Center today and get up to date on your vaccines.

Questions can be directed to the Red Cliff Community Health Center at 715-779-3707.