

## Keeping Kids Fully Masked Until Fully Vaccinated - Soundbites

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**Lori Grooms, Director of Infection Prevention, OSF HealthCare**

“There is so much we don’t know about COVID and the long term effects. There have been studies that have shown complications with the heart, complications with the lungs that are long term. A young adult, you really don’t want to put them in that situation where they are going to have more complications, especially if they’re long term complications.” (:22)

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“My advice is to openly talk about vaccination, to help remove the fear of vaccination, and to encourage teenagers to get vaccinated and really to make them understand the importance of wearing that mask still. Even if they have gotten that shot we need to make sure they’re wearing their mask for at least another two weeks after that last dose of vaccination.” (:22)

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“Engage your child in an open conversation and you have to really stress the importance of why we mask – it’s not just for me but it’s for you. So getting them to understand that I mask because I want to protect myself but I also want to protect my friends.” (:17)