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USA Health Masking Policy

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Employees, students, essential vendors and contract workers are required to wear masks in patient care areas. Unvaccinated employees are required to wear N-95 masks in patient care areas.

Masks are optional in non-patient care areas. Examples of non-patient care areas include the following:

- Entrances to hospitals and clinics
- Cafeteria
- Construction Areas
- CWEB
- Mastin - Floors 2-7

We will continue to provide masks to patients and visitors upon check-in at any USA Health facility.

Failure to comply with the masking protocol may result in progressive discipline up to and including termination.

NOTICE: Masks with exhalation vents are **NOT** appropriate PPE for the hospital setting and are **NOT** to be worn as PPE in any USA Health facility.

NOTE: This policy is based on community positivity rates of <5% and are subject to change as conditions warrant.

Staff and Provider Setting	Activity	Type of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE)
Standard Precautions (any patient not on specific isolation)	Follow masking protocol	Vaccinated: Procedure/isolation mask Unvaccinated: N-95 respirator mask
Droplet or Airborne precautions (not a PUI or COVID + patient)	Follow existing Droplet or Airborne Precautions	Airborne Precautions: N-95 respirator mask Droplet Precautions- Vaccinated: Procedure/isolation mask Unvaccinated: N-95 mask

PUI or COVID positive	Providing <u>routine</u> care to a Person Under Investigation (PUI) or any confirmed COVID positive patient	Vaccinated/Unvaccinated: N-95 respirator mask + Contact Isolation PPE (eye protection, gown, gloves)
	Performing an <u>aerosolizing</u> procedure on a Person Under Investigation (PUI) or any confirmed COVID positive patient	N-95 Respirator mask or PAPR + Contact Isolation PPE (eye protection, gown, gloves)
Ambulatory	Screening of patients, cleaning between patients, examining of patients with NO respiratory symptoms	Vaccinated: Procedure/isolation mask Unvaccinated: N-95 respirator mask
	Examination of patients with respiratory symptoms	Vaccinated/Unvaccinated: N-95 respirator mask + Contact Isolation PPE, eye protection, gown, gloves)
	Performing aerosolized procedures and or spirometry on a non-PUI/ non-COVID + patient	Vaccinated: Procedure/isolation mask Unvaccinated: N-95 respirator mask
	Performing an <u>aerosolizing</u> procedure on a Person Under Investigation (PUI) or any confirmed COVID positive patient	N-95 Respirator mask or PAPR + Contact Isolation PPE (eye protection, gown, gloves)
Patients/Family Member or Essential Caregiver in Any Setting		
Patients unsuspected/ suspected or COVID positive		Patients are required to wear mask in all hospital areas except their room. Some pediatric exclusions may apply depending on age of patient
Family Member/Essential Caregiver- Must screen negative for COVID symptoms		Family Member/Essential Caregiver is required to wear a mask at all times while in any USA Health facility

Attachments

No Attachments

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