

# Continuation of Universal Masking and Eye Protection

We have received questions across the division regarding the discontinuation of face shields outside of care for suspected and confirmed COVID-19 patients. While COVID-19 numbers have plateaued, we are continuing to see suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases in our hospitals. In addition, we are entering respiratory viral season, which will create more opportunity for transmission of all respiratory viruses, including COVID-19 and Influenza. [In order to ensure that our staff and providers remain protected, please continue universal masking and face shields for care of all patients, consistent with the PPE guidance published in July, 2020.](#)

## Level of Mask Protection\*

*The purpose of this document is to provide a high level overview. Refer to PPE Guidance Documents on COVID-19-Connect Atlas site for additional information.*

### LEVEL 1

Cloth Face Coverings OK for Non-Clinical Areas

- **Patients** in common areas or outside of room
- All **Visitors** (can wear own)
- **Vendors/Contractors** (can wear own)
- **Entrance Screeners**
- **Non-Direct Care Providers**
  - Caregivers in non-clinical areas who do not enter patient rooms (i.e., Supply Chain, Office Staff, FANS, Education, Etc.)
  - Acceptable when one's work is based in a non-clinical area and work does not bring one into a patient care area.

### LEVEL 1

W/ Eye Protection\*

- Direct Care Providers **NOT** caring for **COVID-19 + or PUI patients**
- **EVS NOT entering COVID-19 + or PUI patient rooms** or those entering rooms greater than 30 minutes after patient discharge

### LEVEL 3

W/ Eye Protection\*

- Direct Care Providers performing **Moderate Fluid Risk procedures** (i.e., non-high risk droplet precautions, dressing changes)

### Non-Fit-Tested N95

Level 3 acceptable if supplies are limited

W/ Face Shield

- Caregivers caring for **COVID-19 + or PUI Patients** when **NO aerosol generating procedures** and **NO High-Risk procedures**
- **Dialysis Caregivers**
- **Patient Transporter**
- **EVS entering COVID-19 + or PUI patient rooms** when **NO aerosol generating procedures**
- **ED caregivers** if **NO aerosol generating procedures**

### Fit-Tested N95

W/ Face Shield or Goggles

- **Respiratory Therapists**
- **Endoscopy Teams**
- **Intubation/Extubation Team**
- **ICU Direct Caregivers** caring for **ventilated patients**
- **ED Caregivers** if performing **AGPs**
- Anyone in the room during or within 30 minutes following **Aerosol Generating procedures** regardless of COVID-19 status
- Direct Care Providers caring for **COVID-19 + or PUI patients** receiving **AGPs**
- Direct Care Providers in room during **HIGH-RISK procedures**

\* **PAPR** if unable to fit test