COVID-19 PPE Update: **Standard Isolation Mask Guidelines 4.3.2020 1640**

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All team members in hospital and clinic settings wear standard isolation masks while at work. Masks will be distributed at point of entrance. Masks are also available on inpatient units with charge nurses. Ambulatory sites will have a point person for distribution.

**Use the following guidelines for masking:**

- The mask should be worn continuously and only changed if saturated or contaminated.
- The mask can be used for multiple patient encounters.
- Do not touch the outside of your mask or pull your mask up and down over your chin.
- If your mask is removed, perform hand hygiene and place your mask in a safe storage area (example: paper bag, hooks, or paper box) labeled with your name, date, and shift time. (Multiple paper bags can be used throughout the day to ensure proper infection prevention.)
- Perform hand hygiene when re-donning mask.
- Masks with face visors should be wiped with hospital-approved disinfectant, and stored following these guidelines
- Discard mask at the end of your shift.

**Other Mask Guidelines:**

- **Symptomatic Patients:** All patients should be given 1 standard isolation mask and instructed to wear it for the duration of their visit.
- **Visitors:** Any visitors should be given 1 standard isolation mask.
- **Reusable/ homemade mask guidance:** Homemade masks are approved for non-clinical settings (warehouse, business offices, Priority Health)
- **Wearing masks over masks:** Currently, we do not recommend wearing a standard isolation mask over an N-95 mask. This practice would decrease our supply of PPE necessary to care for our patients.
- **N-95 respirator masks:** N-95 masks should be worn during aerosolizing procedures or sustained exposure of suspect and confirmed COVID-19 patients.