

COVID-19 Response

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MASK GUIDANCE Quick Reference Guide

	ED / Inpatient	AMG / Ambulatory	Ascension Living
POPULATION MASKING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public (non patient-facing vendors, visitors) Non-clinical associates with negative screen Patients with negative screen Patients with positive screen (<i>will be provided with medical facemask by facility</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Innovation mask Medical facemask (surgical/procedure) Cone style mask Cloth facemask Donated and approved mask 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Innovation mask Medical facemask (surgical/procedure) Cone style mask Cloth face covering Cloth facemask Donated and approved mask 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Innovation mask Medical facemask (surgical/procedure) Cone style mask Donated and approved masks Cloth facemask (Independent Living / Memory Care areas only)
UNIVERSAL MASKING HCP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Associates and contracted personnel (including patient facing vendors) working in any facility, regardless of role, where patient care is delivered 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medical facemask (Surgical/procedure) Innovation mask Cone style mask 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medical facemask (Surgical/procedure) Innovation mask Cone style mask 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medical facemask (Surgical/procedure) Innovation mask Cone style mask
CLINICAL CARE: PPE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Healthcare personnel (HCP) or patient facing vendors caring for asymptomatic unknown status patients 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medical facemask (Surgical/procedure) N95/PAPR/CAPR (if swabbing or AGP) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medical facemask (Surgical/procedure) N95 (if swabbing or AGP) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medical facemask (Surgical/procedure) N95/PAPR (if swabbing or AGP)
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TABLE GLOSSARY:

Aerosol Generating Procedure (AGP): Planned or expected intubation on PUIs/Confirmed COVID-19 patients; Bronchoscopy; Tracheotomy; Open tracheal suction; Open lung procedures; Endoscopy; Laryngoscopy; Patients on mechanical ventilation with closed systems with no expiratory HEPA filtration; Nebulizer treatments; Non-invasive ventilation (CPAP/BIPAP); High flow nasal cannula (>20L per min); High-frequency oscillatory ventilation; Chest physiotherapy; *Emergent* intubation and/or CPR; Planned extubation. **Lower Risk:** Patients on mechanical ventilation with closed system with expiratory HEPA filter; Nebulizer in line on patients on mechanical ventilation with closed system with expiratory HEPA filter.

CAPR: Continuous air purifying respirator. This is a helmet style device suitable for airborne infections and aerosol protection.



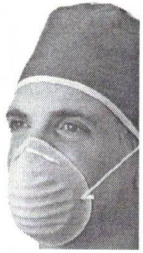
Cloth face covering: An item made from cloth that should be multiple layers of fabric, suitable for covering the nose and mouth. Generally without ear loops or ties. May be manufactured or homemade. Not suitable for clinical use.



Cloth face mask: A mask that may be made of single or multiple layers of fabric to cover the nose and mouth, with either ear loop or ties. May be manufactured or homemade, and may include donated items. These should be routinely washed depending on the frequency of use. Not suitable for clinical use.



Cone style mask: A mask that is in the shape of a cone with rounded edges, that enables easy donning and is held away from the nose and mouth for comfort and protection. Typically has a malleable nosepiece allowing for a more custom fit. Suitable for clinical care environments.



Healthcare personnel (HCP): This includes any individual who is employed or non-employed providing services within the health ministry. This also includes students.

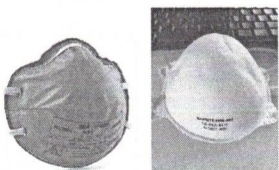
Innovation Mask: This includes any of the masks that were made with Ascension-approved surgical drape or instrument wrap, and sewn by an approved repurposed fabric factory.



Medical Face mask: Refers to any Ascension approved medical industry (e.g. 3M, Medline, Halyard, etc.) manufactured surgical or procedure mask. Does not include innovation masks, cloth face masks or coverings, or anything homemade.

Negative screen: Using the Ascension signs and symptoms COVID-19 Screening tool, answers 'No' the questions delivered either verbally, in writing, or via electronic media (e.g. phone, tablet, etc.). Applies to entrance screening, check in/registration screening, phone screening, and Associate Health screening (including app).

N95: a disposable NIOSH approved respirator. Provides filtration capacity at 95% at 0.3 microns. The person wearing must have a fit test specific to the make, model and size of the respirator.



N100: A reusable half face mask respirator with replaceable filters. Also referred to as an elastomeric respirator. The person wearing must have a fit test specific to the make, model and size of the respirator.



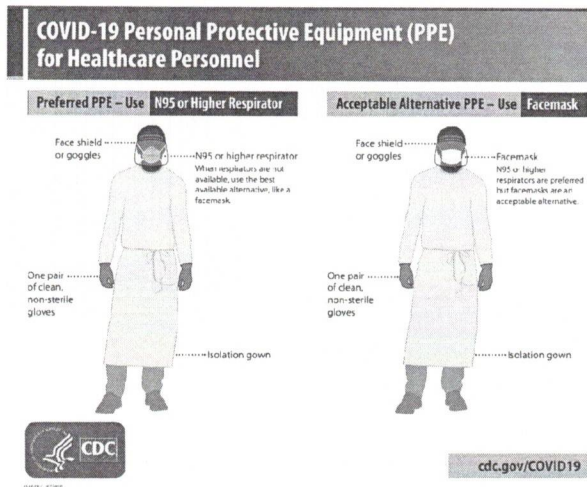
PAPR: Powered Air Purifying Respirator: Air-forced respirators that use a blower to force ambient air through air purifying elements to the respirator face piece, helmet, or hood to protect against airborne infections and aerosol protection.



Patient facing Vendors: Vendor representatives that are present in surgical or other invasive procedures, e.g. OR, IR, Cath Lab, etc.

PUI - Patient Under Investigation: This is a patient suspected of having COVID-19 and is being tested for it.

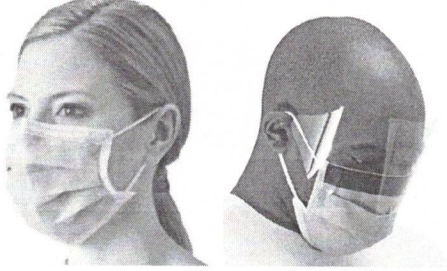
PPE: Refers to personal protective equipment that is per Centers for Disease Control Recommendations:



Population masking: per the CDC this is recommended for anyone going out in public, where social distancing (keeping 6 feet or more away from others) will not be possible. This may apply in elevators, stairwells, hallways, etc. Due to these circumstances this will be expected for anyone entering an Ascension facility in any care setting.

Positive screen: An individual, either patient or HCP, that answers yes to the COVID Screening questions (e.g. symptoms, exposures, etc.)

Procedure mask: A loose fitting mask also referred to as an ear-loop procedure mask. In most instances they are not approved for surgical procedures. May have a plastic face shield stapled on top (for COVID does not constitute adequate eye protection but may be used as a supplement).



Surgical mask: A loose fitting mask that covers the mouth and nose that has tie ons. Qualifies as a medical face mask. May have a plastic face shield stapled on the top (for COVID does not constitute adequate eye protection but may be used as a supplement).



Universal masking: The practice for all patient-facing associates of wearing a face mask upon entry into the building and taking it off upon leaving. The mask is worn at all times, unless eating, drinking or taking medications. The mask is to be replaced if damaged or visibly dirty.

Unknown Status: A patient that is asymptomatic of COVID-19 symptoms and is going to be having an invasive procedure or will be undergoing an Aerosol Generating Procedure (AGP). This person is **eligible** for PCR testing for SARS-CoV-2 in advance, but the test **was not run or the results are not available at the time of the procedure**. EX: a patient coming in for surgery who did not get a pre-surgical PCR test, but still needs the surgery.