



METHODIST MISSION MONDAY

Your weekly guide to patient safety and accreditation readiness
August 29, 2022

A word from our Infection Prevention Teams...

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) continues to recommend that everyone in healthcare settings continue to wear face coverings (universal masking).

- In response to this: MHS policy states that masks are required to be worn by employees, vendors, volunteers, patients, and visitors at hospitals and other facilities that provide direct patient care, while in patient care areas and/or areas accessible to the public.
- Masking is required at all MHS facilities for individuals who are unvaccinated and/or are not up to date with vaccinations.
- Individuals who are at a higher risk of severe disease, immunocompromised or who are more comfortable masking can continue to wear a facemask.

How to wear a Procedure/Surgical Mask:



Correct Usage:

1. Secure procedure/surgical mask over both nose and mouth

Incorrect Usage:

1. Do not pull mask under your nose
2. Do not pull mask under your chin
3. Do not have your mask hang from your ear when not in use
4. Do not wear your mask as a hat
5. Do not eat your mask

Other Considerations:

1. Do not write or draw on your mask
2. Do not place a procedure/surgical mask on your arm or elbow when not in use
3. Do not eat or drink while a procedure/surgical mask is in place, remove the mask before eating or drinking
4. If wearing a surgical tie mask – do not hang mask from the bottom ties
5. Discard and replace mask if it no longer fits correctly or if it becomes soiled, wet or contaminated

For more information refer to NMHS Masking policy
& Universal Procedure/Surgical Facemask Use handout:

[https://mhsintranet.nmhs.org/Uploads/Public/Documents/Infection%20Control/Policies%20Procedures%20COVID/MHS%20Mask%20Usage%20\(2022-3-28\).pdf](https://mhsintranet.nmhs.org/Uploads/Public/Documents/Infection%20Control/Policies%20Procedures%20COVID/MHS%20Mask%20Usage%20(2022-3-28).pdf)

[https://mhsintranet.nmhs.org/Uploads/Public/Documents/Infection%20Control/PPE%20Isolation/Universal%20Procedure-Surgical%20Mask%20Use%20\(2021-5\).docx.pdf](https://mhsintranet.nmhs.org/Uploads/Public/Documents/Infection%20Control/PPE%20Isolation/Universal%20Procedure-Surgical%20Mask%20Use%20(2021-5).docx.pdf)

Call the Infection Prevention Department with questions 354-8715