Coronavirus

Employees Returning to Work with Restrictions

A mask must be worn at all times (N95 or Surgical mask)

N95 masks are required for staff providing prolonged periods of care or those undergoing aerosolizing procedures and therapies for COVID/PUI patients:

* Prolonged Period of Care (greater than 10 minutes or multiple encounters per shift)

* Aerosolizing procedures and therapies:

- Nasopharyngeal and oropharyngeal swabbing
- Open suctioning of airways, including tracheostomies, nose and mouth
- Noninvasive ventilation modes such as CPAP/BiPAP
- High flow nasal oxygen (via a HFNO system)
- Nebulizer treatments
- Intubation and Extubation
- Bronchoscopy
- Upper endoscopy in a non-intubated patient
- Surgical Procedures involving the airway
- CPR

Always practice proper hand hygiene when donning and doffing

Every time the N95 mask is removed the mask cover must be removed and put in purple laundry bag.

Every time the mask cover is soiled, the mask cover must be removed and put in purple laundry bag.

Employee returning to work with restrictions → **Follow Return to Work guidelines given by Employee Health** → **Upon returning to work and entering Hospital, wear surgical mask provided by Employee Health** → **Report to unit**

Are you going in room to care for COVID-19 patient or PUI patient?

— YES → **Discard surgical mask in trash outside patient room** → **Upon entering room, put on N95 mask with a mask cover (keep N95 for entire shift unless soiled)** → **Upon exiting room - If using mask for extended use (room to room) do not remove N95 mask and mask cover unless soiled** → **If mask cover is soiled - discard in purple bag for laundry. Immediately perform hand hygiene** → **Get another mask cover from unit/floor**

— NO ↓

Are you caring for an isolation patient (other than Covid)?

— YES → **Follow normal PPE process**

— NO ↓ **Wear surgical mask**

Upon exiting room - when keeping N95 mask for reuse -
- Remove mask cover and discard in purple bag for laundry
- Perform hand hygiene
- Store N95 mask in clean brown bag with name and date (written on bag, NOT on front of N95 mask)
- Put on surgical mask

If N95 is soiled discard in biohazard container outside room. Immediately perform hand hygiene. → **Get another N95 from charge nurse**