

## **Masking for Patients**

According to recent CDC guidelines, issued 4/13/20, universal source control methods should be deployed. This plan includes masking all visitors and patients, with the exception of those under 2 years of age, those with difficulty breathing, those who are unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.

### **Preplanned Hospital Visits (Clinic visits/imaging/lab/etc.):**

- Prior to arrival, patient should be notified that they will be required to wear a mask/face covering prior to entry into the facility, and to bring their own mask/face covering from home.
- In the event they do not have a mask/face covering, or show up without one, a blue mask (made of surgical wrap material) will be provided to them.
- They are to be instructed to leave the mask/face covering on at all times during their visit, to not touch the outside of their mask/face covering, and if they do they are to immediately wash their hands.

### **Non-Planned Patients:**

- Patients who do not have a planned visit, and do not fall into the exception categories are to wear a mask/face covering during their visit.
- If they do not have a mask/face covering of their own, they will be provided a blue mask (made of surgical wrap material) to wear.
- Patients are to wear their mask/face covering throughout their hospital stay.
- They can remove their mask/face covering when in their room alone, but must put the mask/face covering on upon leaving the room or when someone enters their room.