



Staff Masking Policy

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The Mount Sinai Health System (MSHS) is focused on protecting our frontline providers and staff, as well as ensuring the safety of our patients. To decrease exposure for both patients and staff, this document outlines the current policy on the use of facemasks. As always, safety is our top priority.

Based on the current situation and recommendations, in both the inpatient and outpatient setting, when providing direct patient care we recommend a surgical mask be worn, unless an N95 respirator is indicated. Surgical masks are also recommended in administrative offices, call centers, laboratories, and other non-patient care areas. Masks or respirators with valves are not permitted as they do not provide adequate source control.

Staff should **not** take their used masks home. Staff may take a new surgical mask for the commute home.

This policy is subject to change based upon updated information from the CDC, NYS Department of Health, and other sources.