

**INFECTIOUS DISEASE AND INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL COVID-19  
COMMITTEE**

**Bulletin #43 – COVID-19 – ID-IPC – Patient Care – PPE Masks – May 14 2020**

## **Pediatric Outpatients**

Pediatric patients coming to our facilities are required to wear masks during their appointments and treatment. The following process will apply:

- Upon entrance to the hospital the pediatric patient and their family member/caregiver will be screened for symptoms of COVID-19 and contact/travel history, provided a mask, asked to clean their hands and directed to the Outpatient Registration Area.
- Patients will continue to wear their mask throughout their entire stay. Depending on the type of procedure, the patient's mask may need to be removed for the provision of care. Immediately following the procedure, the patient will don a mask for the remainder of their hospital visit.
- It is noted that face masks should not be placed on children younger than two years of age.

## **Addictions and Mental Health Inpatients**

- Hospital grade masks are to be provided to inpatients who interact with others (including clients admitted to Addiction Services). The use of masks is required when a 2-metre distance is difficult to be maintained between inpatients and others in all settings. The use of a mask should not replace proper physical distancing and hand hygiene.

The current process of providing hospital grade masks remains in place as long as supply remains in good standing. Should the hospital experience supply shortages of hospital grade surgical/procedure masks, then a process for proper cleaning of cloth masks for inpatients will need to be established.

## **Inpatients attending Ambulatory Services/Diagnostic Imaging**

- A mask should be worn by inpatients when a two-metre distance is difficult to be maintained between themselves and others while outside of their room.

- It is noted these patients would be required to wear a mask during transfer and while attending an Ambulatory Services/Diagnostic Imaging appointment. Depending on the type of procedure, the patient's mask may need to be removed for the provision of care. Immediately following the procedure, the patient will don a mask for transfer back to the patient care unit.