

INFECTIOUS DISEASE AND INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL COVID-19 COMMITTEE

Special Bulletin – COVID-19 – Face Mask Use – Nov 6 2020

COVID-19 patient care and Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) measures

Face mask use during COVID-19

Horizon requires all health care workers (HCWs), patients and visitors within our facilities to wear a face mask.

Health care workers

HCWs in all areas (clinical and non-clinical) are required to wear a medical grade face mask while in the health care facility.

The process of distributing medical grade face masks is currently being standardized across the organization.

Community masks can ONLY be worn by HCWs while entering and exiting the facility.

Outpatients and visitors

Asymptomatic outpatients and visitors are to wear non-medical grade face masks including a community cloth mask. Symptomatic outpatients will be provided a medical grade face mask.

Horizon's supply of non-medical grade face masks will be restricted for use by outpatients and visitors at the Emergency Department, and main entrances at all facilities.

For additional information related to the use of masks by the public, please refer to the [Masks, Face Shield and Exemption](#) document.