

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY - CONSERVATION PLAN for PPE

As you are aware the demand on PPE has been significant over the past several weeks and CDC has provided guidance on Crisis Capacity Strategies. In effort to ensure that a supply is maintained during this critical time, we are implementing the following recommendations.

TO REDUCE INPATIENT ROOM TRAFFIC IN COVID ISOLATION CASES

Members of the care team should communicate with the patient telephonically if they do not need to physically assess the patient, as opposed to entering the room, examples may include dietician, social worker, care manager, chaplain, pastoral care etc...

ED MASK USE POLICY

Direct care personnel in the ED will implement extended use of their isolation face mask for the duration of their shift, unless otherwise soiled or contaminated. If you remove your mask and will need to re-use the mask place it in a bag with your name on it. (Please do not wear masks in public areas.)

RE- USE of MASKS in All CLINICAL SETTINGS

Masks should be re-used in the clinical setting. Limited re-use of facemasks is the practice of using the same facemask by one HCP for multiple encounters with different patients but removing it after each encounter.

The facemask should be removed and discarded if soiled, damaged, or hard to breathe through. Facemasks should be carefully folded so that the outer surface is held inward and against itself to reduce contact with the outer surface during storage. The folded mask can be stored between uses in a clean sealable paper bag or breathable container.

TRANSPORTATION OF PATIENTS WITHIN THE HOSPITAL ON COVID ISOLATION

Patients for a study- Patients must be prepared in the clinical area the staff prior to leaving the department for a study with a mask and a clean gown. The transporting team can then take the patient to the appropriate department using standard contact precautions (no mask).

CODE BLUE 19 / RRT

Code cart should remain outside of the patient room during an emergency.

DISPOSABLES

The following disposables are to be wiped down using the purple top wipes and reused:

- BP cuffs
- Goggles
- Stethoscopes