

The following describes our practices for personal protection for COVID-19.

KEY POINTS

Per personal preference and in accordance with standard precautions, team members can opt to use a higher level of PPE than described below.

PPE Requirements	
Customer-facing spaces ^	Mask not required*
Non customer-facing spaces+	Mask not required*
Bedside / Direct patient care activities (Non-COVID+/non-PUI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to "Infection Prevention: Standard Precautions" policy in C360
Bedside / Direct patient care activities (COVID+/PUI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to "Infection Prevention: Full Barrier Precautions" policy in C360
<p>^Customer facing spaces Ex) Lobbies, corridors, elevators, Nursing work-stations</p> <p>+Non customer facing spaces Ex) Individual office & open cube spaces, break rooms, meeting rooms, maintenance shop, EMS base, fitness center, ED/ECC core</p> <p>*Masks are required for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individuals who have an approved COVID-19 medical or religious vaccine exemption Individuals who are returning to work after a COVID illness must follow masking & distancing guidelines posted here COVID Safe Return to Work Guidelines (sharepoint.com) 	



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Changes Since Last Version

This document is active and further recommendations are forthcoming. It will be updated as additions develop.

Revision	Description of Changes	Approvals	Date
19	Removed duplicative references to our standard infection prevention policies as we are de-escalating universal masking.	IP Task Force	04/11/2023