

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Stewardship and Conservation

Staff & Physicians

All staff and physicians will practice Universal Masking upon point of entry until exit from the facility wearing a mask provided by GRH.

Ensure the mask covers your nose, mouth and chin.

If the mask is touched, clean your hands.

Practice physical distancing with co-workers and visitors throughout your shift, including time spent outdoors.

Remove and discard mask when visibly soiled or damaged.

All patient-facing staff and physicians are required to don eye protection when within 2 metres of unmasked patients/visitors/essential caregivers.

Patient Masking

All out-patients/essential visitors will be offered a medical mask upon entry and asked to wear it until their visit is complete.

In-patients are recommended to wear a medical mask for their protection, whenever staff/visitors are within 2m and upon leaving their dedicated space/room.

Healthcare providers/visitors can assist patients with the putting on and taking off a mask. If a patient is unable or refuses to wear a mask, their care will not be affected.

Inpatients are screened every shift for new onset of COVID symptoms.

Same day re-use is no longer a conservation strategy at GRH (for Masks on Breaks)

Extended Use - is the practice of wearing PPE for multiple patient encounters and discarding it prior to eating/drinking during breaks. After break, obtain new PPE. Practice Extended Use when wearing...

Do Not

- Save in a blue pad and reuse
- Reposition on head (backwards or upside down)
- Clean for reuse

- Personal eye protection is **on** or **off** (not in hair, or hanging from collar)
- Must be washed after removing
- Store safely once clean (pocket, container, work bag or locker)

Do not leave PPE lying around, it contaminates the environment and puts staff at risk

PPE for patients deemed COVID-19 suspect or confirmed or in Droplet/Contact Precautions and for all AGMPs during the COVID-19 Omicron wave

N95 Respirator or equivalent – can be worn as extended use

Face Shields provide an added fluid resistant layer over masks and are to be worn as Extended Use, do not clean and reuse.

Level 1 and 2 Gowns changed between patients

Gloves worn as a single pair and changed between patients