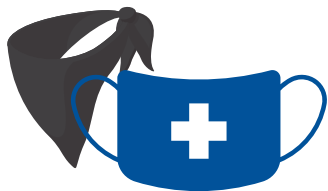


# Masking Guidance for Patients and Visitors

Until further notice, **all patients and visitors** are required to wear a mask while in common areas of Duke hospitals and clinics. Visitors should wear masks during in-person interactions with healthcare workers and when leaving patient rooms. Duke Health employees are not permitted to wear personal homemade masks while at work.



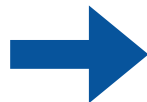
You will be provided one Duke-issued surgical mask per day if you do not have a personal homemade mask.



Wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer. Do this before and after putting on your mask throughout the day.



If you have a Duke-issued mask, put it on by grabbing the elastics or ties.



Pull the mask under the chin.



Pinch the bridge of the nose.



Hospitalized patients do not need to wear masks in their rooms.

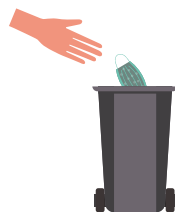


Wash or sanitize your hands before and after removing your mask.



Remove your mask by the elastics. To store, fold it lengthwise so that the outer surface is against itself and place in a clean paper towel or paper bag.

If you are using a Duke-issued mask, throw away your mask at the end of the day.



If you are using a homemade mask, wash and dry it at the end of the day (preferably using a dryer).

