

COVID-19 VISITOR/PATIENT MASKS

In order to prevent the spread of COVID-19, all visitors and patients MUST wear a mask or face covering while in any AGH Facility.

Type of Mask/Face Covering		Permitted for use in AGH Facilities
Surgical/ Procedure Mask 		✓
N95 Respirator 		✓
Clear Masks 		✓
Cloth Mask/ Face Covering 		✓
Masks with Valves Please replace or cover with mask provided at the Screening Stations 		✗
Bandanas or Neck Gaiters Studies show these types of face coverings do not help reduce the spread of COVID-19. Please replace with a mask from the Screening Station. 		✗

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Masks with Exhalation Valves or Vents

The purpose of masks is to keep respiratory droplets from reaching others to aid with source control. Masks with one-way valves or vents allow exhaled air to be expelled out through holes in the material. This can allow exhaled respiratory droplets to reach others and potentially spread the COVID-19 virus. Therefore, CDC does not recommend using masks if they have an exhalation valve or vent.

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