





Guidance for the Clinical and Non-Clinical Use of Masks

Statement: As a result of social distancing, extended use of PPE, and N95 mask reprocessing we are expanding our guidance on masking to include the following.

Type of KP-Issued Mask	When to Use	Extended Use and Reuse	Setting: Ambulatory and Inpatient
N95 	Any of the following: (1) when present for or performing high-risk aerosol generating procedure, (2) when providing care for a COVID-19 positive or PUI patient, (3) when working within a designated high risk unit	N95 respirators will be provided to employees in appropriate settings. N95 respirators will be reprocessed per protocol. Please follow reprocessing guidance to ensure your N95 respirator can be reprocessed. E.g. refrain from wearing makeup that could soil the respirator and wear a reusable face shield (not a second mask) during potential splash procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certain high-risk areas may have an increased likelihood of significant numbers of unforeseeable aerosol-generating procedures and/or events. As such, all personnel who enter patient rooms in PUI/COVID+ cohorted units, ICU, ED, and UCC will be provided with an N95 mask.
Isolation Mask 	When working in non-high risk clinical settings outside of the OR	One mask* will be given to employees in acute care and ambulatory facilities for use when patient contact may occur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patient care areas not designated as high risk <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Units and areas without PUI or COVID+ patients
Surgical Mask 	Worn in the surgical core in the OR. May be worn in IR/Cath Lab and Procedure Rooms when providing direct care in the sterile field	One mask* can be worn for multiple cases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OR IR and Cath Lab Procedure Rooms
'Cover Your Cough' Mask 	For employees in any area not defined above All patients and visitors when entering Kaiser Permanente facilities, when not already wearing a mask	One mask* can be worn throughout the day One mask* can be worn throughout the visit, and they may keep it	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spaces outside of direct patient care (e.g. administration) All Kaiser Permanente facilities and areas

*Employees will receive one mask per day, mask can be replaced if/when becomes soiled, moist, damaged.

Use full face shield to prevent splash and sprays; double masking is not recommended.