



PEMBROKE REGIONAL HOSPITAL

MEMO

TO: All Staff and Physicians

FROM: Infection Prevention and Control and Occupational Health and Safety

DATE: Monday June 19th, 2023

SUBJECT: Updates to Masking Requirements

With COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses stable in our community, and in alignment with other within our region we are pleased to announce additional updates to the masking requirements at PRH. Effective Monday June 19th, 2023, the following masking requirements will be implemented.

Area	For Staff and Visitors	
	Masking Optional	Masking Required
Public Spaces (hallways, cafeteria, elevators, café, gift shop)	X	
Non-clinical areas (meeting rooms, administrative spaces)	X	
Clinical area but no direct patient care or contact (nursing stations, unit hallways)	X	
When providing direct services or care to patient (inside patient rooms, transporting a patient) or when visiting with a patient		X
Outbreak Units (entire unit)		X
Work Self- Isolation (WSI)		X
Emergency Department (including waiting room)	Patients (when able) and visitors expected to mask, and staff to mask when providing direct service or care/ services.	
Outpatient Areas	Masks may be required for patients and those accompanying them subject to screening. Staff will mask during direct patient care/ services.	
Medical Daycare- Oncology	Patients (when able) and visitors expected to mask. Staff will mask during direct patient care/ services.	

In accordance with infection control best practice, masks removed after providing direct patient care should be discarded and not stored for re-use.

PRH will continue to actively monitor hospital and other public health indicators and make further adjustments to pandemic safety measures as appropriate. Masking policies will be adjusted as circumstances change.