



PEMBROKE REGIONAL HOSPITAL

MEMO

TO: All Staff and Physicians

FROM: Infection Prevention and Control and Occupational Health and Safety

DATE: Tuesday May 23rd, 2023

SUBJECT: Universal Masking Updates

Effective Tuesday May 23rd, 2023, further changes to universal masking requirements will be implemented in order to align with our regional partners.

Universal masking for staff, physicians, visitors and patients is no longer mandatory in non-clinical public spaces. This includes:

- Hallways/ Corridors
- Elevators
- Stairwells
- Common areas that are not within clinical departments/ areas (ie. Cafeteria, Café)
- Common areas that are outdoors (ie. AMH patio, Rehab patio)

While masking in these areas is no longer mandatory, masks will remain easily accessible to anyone who wishes to wear one.

All staff, physicians, volunteers and visitors are still required to wear masks at all times within clinical areas and in all waiting areas of the hospital. This means, a mask must be worn immediately upon entering a clinical department/ unit and be worn at all times. Patients, who are able, must also continue to mask when in waiting areas, attending outpatient appointments and when interacting with visitors within clinical areas. Any transient activity in a waiting area (ie. Walking through or past a waiting area to get to another location of the hospital) does not indicate the need for masking.

As some visitors may enter the building and not pick up a mask at the entrance, we ask that each clinical area prepare a check-in station with alcohol-based hand rub and masks easily accessible at the point of entry to the unit/ clinical space.

As we work through the recovery phase of the COVID-19 Pandemic and together with our regional partners, PRH will continue to gradually ease pandemic measures. We are hopeful that additional changes will be coming and appreciate your cooperation as we slowly and safely reverse over three years of implemented safety measures.