**Mask Guidelines**

Employees, visitors, and patients will **no longer be required to wear protective masks** in our hospitals or clinics **unless** they are ill or exhibiting any of the following symptoms:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

**Other exceptions where masks are still required:**

- If visiting an inpatient that is symptomatic, you must wear a mask while in their room
- Inpatients must wear masks when they leave their rooms unless the masks impede their care

*In crowded waiting areas and lobbies, such as ED waiting areas, masks are strongly encouraged, but not required.*

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