



MEMO

TO: All Staff
CC: Jessica Broussard, COO, Kali Babineaux, HR
FROM: Connie Amy, RN, DON
DATE: 05.13.20
RE: **Mandatory Face Mask use with direct patient care**

After receiving feedback and guidance from the Office of Governor John Bel Edwards, we are **requiring all employees to wear face masks while providing direct patient care.** This will better assist with source control efforts. We will continue to perform the screenings prior to entering the unit.

When available, facemasks are generally preferred over cloth face coverings as facemasks offer both source control and protection for the wearer against exposure to splashes and sprays of infectious material from others.”

“Patients should be offered a facemask or cloth face covering as supplies allow, which should be worn while they are in the facility (if tolerated).”

“If there are anticipated shortages of facemasks, facemasks should be prioritized for healthcare personnel and then for patients with symptoms of COVID-19 (as supply allows).”

As everyone knows, we have a limited supply of facemasks. Please keep and re-use. The CDC also states that if you must touch or adjust your facemask or cloth face covering you should perform hand hygiene immediately before and after.

I am continuing to monitor for any updates and will keep you informed as any changes occur.

Thank you,