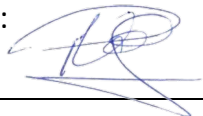


Guidance Document for COVID-19



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<i>This document is intended to provide guidance to staff/professional staff during COVID-19</i>	

1. PURPOSE

The Mandatory use of Level 2 procedure masks will continue while in Covid-19 status Yellow and Green for all staff, professional staff, volunteers, learners and visitors

2. GUIDELINES (e.g. background, definitions, procedure, etc.)

To help prevent the spread of COVID-19, all staff, professional staff, volunteers, learners and visitors must wear Level 2 or higher procedure masks in all areas of the Hospital at all times.

Exceptions to the mandatory mask for staff include:

- Private office or space where patron is alone
- Designated eating areas with physical distancing
- Shared work areas that do not deliver direct patient care and are not open to the general public. – if proof of full vaccination status has been provided to OHS. OHS can confirm for the Manager who does not need to wear a mask as required.

3. RELATED POLICIES, PRACTICES AND/OR LEGISLATIONS

Vaccinated persons: Those health care providers and patients who are fully vaccinated ie. having received ALL required doses of a Health Canada-approved COVID-19 vaccine and where 14 days have elapsed following the final vaccine dose.

4. REFERENCES

1. Public Health Ontario. Covid-19 Interim Guidance on Infection Prevention and Control for Health Care Providers and Patients Vaccinated Against Covid-19 in Hospital and Long Term Care Settings (June 2021)