



To: All Staff, Professional Staff, Learners, and Volunteers

From: Adam Vinet, VP Patient Experience, Chief Nursing Executive, Regional VP
Regional Cancer Centre

Date: September 15, 2023

RE: Update on **Masking Requirements**

As a result of increased level of viral activity within the community, and as a precaution to further spread of illnesses within our facility to the most vulnerable patients, we are adjusting our masking requirements.

Please note, effective September 18, 2023, our Hospital will increase masking requirements within our facility as outlined below:

1A Inpatient Units

All **Staff, Professional Staff, Essential Care Partners** and **Volunteers** are required to wear a Level 3 procedure mask at all times while on **units 1A Medicine, and 1A Acute Oncology.**

All other areas of the Hospital

All **Staff, Professional Staff and Volunteers** must wear a minimum Level 3 procedure mask at all times when entering a patient room, when providing direct patient care, including transportation of patients and at any time they are unable to maintain 6ft physical distancing.

Masking is not required when outside a patient room unless you are unable to maintain a physical distance of 6 feet from any patient.

We are implementing the above protocols as part of our steps to avoid moving towards a Restricted State where mandatory masking is required facility-wide. We ask that you please abide by the above requirements to prevent further steps towards mandatory masking. As well, abide by any additional IPAC protocols and practice proper hand hygiene.

Further communication will occur on this topic as required.

Thank you for your commitment to keeping our patients, staff and Hospital safe. If you have any questions, please ask your manager or reach out to IPAC (684-6094) for further details on best practices.