

Inpatient Mask Use

To all Concordia Hospital patients,

As COVID-19 is expected to be a part of the “new normal” in our community, and our facility, efforts are underway to find a longer-term balance between preventing the spread of this virus and making your stay at Concordia as comfortable as possible.

To protect you from the many viruses and germs that normally exist in any hospital setting, we kindly ask you to remain in your room as much as possible. Your care team will be happy to assist if there's anything you need.

We recognize there are times when it is absolutely necessary to leave your room, whether that's to go for a walk around the unit, attend a medical test or appointment off the unit, to get a coffee or to briefly go outside. During these instances, **you are required* to wear a facility-provided procedure mask each time you leave your room.**

1. Your care team will provide you with one procedure mask per day as well as a paper bag (used to store the masks). You will be given some instructions on the importance of hand hygiene and how to remove and store your mask as well as how to reapply your mask during the course of a single day.
2. Procedure mask should be replaced each day as well as when visibly soiled, wet or damaged.

**Exceptions exist for those who are unable to wear a mask for medical reasons, those who cannot put on or remove their masks on their own and for children younger than 5 years old. Please speak with your care team if you or your loved one fall into any of these categories.*

Please keep your mask on the entire time you are away from your room, unless instructed otherwise by our staff in order to receive care.

Remember it's important to stay 6 feet apart from others and use the hand sanitizer stations to clean your hands. Germs are everywhere and most are spread by hand contact or coughing and sneezing.

Thank you for the cooperation and understanding as we take every measure to protect you, your loved ones and our staff.