

Acceptable masks to wear when visiting Cook Children's locations

All patients, staff and visitors must wear a mask while on any Cook Children's property.



Acceptable masks

Homemade cloth masks

(for visitors and non-patient-facing staff only)



Surgical/procedural masks (tie or ear loop)



Dust masks

(for visitors only)



N95 masks without vents



Face shields

All Cook Children's staff: if a face shield is worn, a surgical mask is still necessary.

All others (parents/families/visitors): if a face shield is worn by a family member/visitor, a cloth or surgical mask must ALSO be worn.

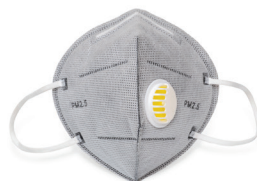


N95 respirators are preferred for health care staff during specific care activities, but may be worn by patients or visitors if that is what they're wearing when they arrive at a Cook Children's property. If a parent/visitor arrives with a vented mask, they will be given a surgical mask to wear over it.



Unacceptable masks for Cook Children's staff

Masks with vents



Why?

The vented masks should NOT be worn by Cook Children's staff because they are not as safe. Germs can escape from the vents. Masks with vents are NOT to be worn during aerosol generating procedures (AGPs).

While not encouraged, a vented mask may be worn by a parent/visitor IF it is covered at all times with a surgical mask.