

Eye Protection Guidance – updated information!

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NEW REQUIREMENT FOR WEARING EYE PROTECTION June 24, 2020, 4 p.m.

In an effort to protect all of our staff and to reduce unnecessary exposures, which can result in a 14-day quarantine, we are implementing this important new eye protection guidance.

NEW! All staff in PATIENT CARE AREAS are REQUIRED to wear BOTH eye protection AND a mask when within six feet of a patient/family.







Please continue to ask the patient and parent to put on a mask as you enter the room with every single encounter. It is not required for patients under the age of two to wear a mask, and some of the others have difficulty doing so, which makes it more important for you to wear both a mask and eye protection.

With this extra effort, we will be able to reduce exposures and decrease the number of times when our employees have to be on a mandatory quarantine.

We realize this will be a shift in practice and it will take some time adjusting to. We are asking that you think of this new guidance as an additional and important element to practicing universal precautions.

[The eye protection that is approved for use is below.](#)

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<p>Wear this when having an encounter with a COVID-19 positive patient and/or during ALL Aerosol-Generating Procedures (AGPs):</p>   <p>Item #: 626910</p> <p>Must wear N95 mask anytime wearing goggles, caring for COVID-19 patients and/or during all AGPs.</p>	<p>Wear one of these types of eye protection during all other patient/family encounters within six feet:</p>  <p>Item #: 627507</p>  <p>Item #: 625804</p>  <p>Item #: 722</p>  <p>Item #: 627472</p>
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Cleaning guidelines for safety glasses:

Use hospital approved disinfectant wipes.
It is not mandatory to wash with soap and water.

If the item is not disposable, staff will reuse and re-wear their eye protection, and be responsible for cleaning it with hospital approved disinfectant wipes. It is not mandatory to wash with soap and water.

ALL ORDERS FOR EYE PROTECTION MUST BE PLACED THROUGH YOUR NORMAL ORDERING PROCESS FOR STORES VIA LAWSON.

Please visit with your manager about any questions you may have. Thank you for your assistance and support of this important change.