PROCESS CHANGE ALERT!!

**Process Name:** Patient mask wearing  
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**Previous Process description**

Patients were required to wear a mask when they were outside their rooms for transport or therapy.

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**New process description**

For the safety of patients and colleagues all patients shall wear a mask (non N95) when they are outside their rooms and also when a caregiver is in their room. The masks shall be stored in the patients rooms and reused unless damaged or soiled. With increasing community transmission of COVID-19, universal masking is to be supported. Two way masking provides better protection to both patients and caregivers. Both patient provided cloth masks and hospital provided surgical masks will be acceptable for the patient's to wear.

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**Problem / Issue Description / Reason for change:** The requirement to have patient's wear a mask when outside their room and high recommendation to have the patient wear a mask when healthcare workers or visitors are in the patient's room. The masking will help protect patients, visitors and colleagues.

- Immuno-compromised patients are especially vulnerable population so it's important for them to mask when caretakers enter room and interact with them.
- We do not expect 100% compliance but we should continue to educate our patients regarding proper masking when caretakers enter the room.

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**Initials of Staff indicates understanding and agreement of the changes:**