



Reminder: COVID-19 Safety Protocols

First, **thank you** to everyone for following the many safety protocols - including vaccinations and boosters, testing, screening, masking, and distancing - that we have established at UCSF Health.

Your actions have made a difference in helping ensure our patients, who depend on us 24/7, get the care they need.

Although COVID-19 cases in the Bay Area appear to have peaked, they remain high. During the past few weeks, the COVID Response Team and Occupational Health Services have identified an increase in the number of health care personnel working onsite with symptoms prior to testing COVID positive; and have also seen several COVID infections in patients that appear to have been acquired in the hospital.

We want to remind everyone about our safety protocols in UCSF Health facilities. They continue to be as important as ever, for the safety of our patients and staff, even though masking and distancing in some community settings may have relaxed.

- **When you are in staff break rooms or team lounges**, distance as much as possible and only take off your mask when actively eating or drinking.
- **Remind visitors to remain masked** while in the healthcare facility.
- **Ensure patients are wearing masks** during all encounters with hospital staff and their visitors unless they have medical contraindications or are <2 years of age.
- **A UCSF Health-issued medical mask (or N95 respirator) must be worn** by all employees and learners in clinical buildings.
- For direct patient care: **N95s and eye protection continue to be strongly recommended**
- For care of patients on Novel Respiratory (in addition to eye protection, gloves, and gown) and Airborne Isolation: a [fit-tested](#) N95 (or PAPR) is **required**. For other patients or indications, a fit-tested N95 is **not** required for an N95 use.

UCSF Health Guidelines for Masking and Safe Distancing are accessible from this page: <https://safety.ucsf.edu/safe-and-physical-distancing-covid19>

CDC Guidance: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html?msclkid=8000eebed16311ecb2c4e3ba7fb90f3e>

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