Wearing Mask in Non-Clinical/Support Areas

Mask requirements

1. Surgical masks are not to be shared with others. They are individually assigned.
2. Wear the mask for up to one week to conserve supply.
3. Check the mask for any defects such as a tear, missing tie or ear loop. Do not wear if defective.
4. Do not use a surgical mask in an aerosol-generating procedure.

Step 1: Wash hands with soap and water prior to masking. Place mask on face with the colored side facing out and the stiff, bendable edge at the top of your nose. Put your fingers through the ear loops and position the mask over your nose and mouth. Place ear loops securely around the ears. If mask has ties, pick up the mask by the ties and bowtie behind your head.

Step 2: Pull the mask from the top and bottom to fully open the folds of the mask and adjust the mask around the face.

Step 3: Once the mask is in place, use your index finger and thumb to gently form the bendable top edge of the mask around the bridge of your nose. If the mask has a lower tie, then once your mask is fitted to the bridge of your nose, tie the lower ties behind your head with a bow.

Step 4: Make sure the mask is secure and covers your nose and mouth so that the bottom edge is under your chin. Wash your hands after putting on mask.

Mask removal:

1. Wash your hands prior to removing the mask.
2. When removing the mask, do not touch your eyes, nose, or mouth when removing the face covering.
3. Untie or remove the ear loops and remove the mask by the straps.
4. Wash hands immediately after removing the mask for at least 20 seconds with soap and water.

Maximizing prevention efforts:

In addition to wearing a mask do the following:

- Practice social distancing of at least 6 feet apart from others
- Wash hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, or use hand-sanitizer when soap and water is not immediately available.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Stay home and limit public outings to only essential, life-sustaining activities.