PPE Guidance: Masking for All Staff at Healthcare Sites
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Summary
Starting Friday, April 3, all staff working in a facility that treats patients at that site will be issued one surgical mask to be worn continuously beginning at the start of their shift until leaving the facility. Staff in separate buildings of a patient care facility in which no patient care is provided are asked not to take a mask, as they are better able to practice social distancing and, in some cases, to work remotely.

Details
- All staff working in a facility that treats patients at that site, regardless of their role, will be issued one surgical mask to be worn continuously for their entire shift.
- The mask may be removed only for eating or switching to an N95 respirator for aerosol-generating procedures.
- When removing your mask, please follow the Surgical Mask Reuse protocol found under “Personal Protective Equipment” on BILH’s COVID-19 website.
- When taking a break to eat, please remember to sit at least 6 feet away from others and replace your mask after your meal.
- At the end of your shift, be sure to place your surgical mask into the designated collection container in your area to be collected for future sterilization and reuse.
- Please place surgical masks and N95 respirators into separate containers and do not throw any additional PPE or trash into the bins.