







# MASK GUIDANCE

Our focus remains on protecting the people and patients of Kaiser Permanente and preserving the appropriate mask availability for the duration of the pandemic as we care for an increasing number of COVID-19-positive patients. All staff are expected to follow the guidelines.

Type of KP-Issued Mask*	When to Use
 <p><b>N95 Masks</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For use when present for or performing high-risk procedures for patients with known or suspected COVID-19</li> <li>• For use when present for or performing aerosol-generating procedures in patients with known or suspected COVID-19</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Surgical Masks</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For use in the surgical core and in the operating room</li> <li>• May be used in interventional radiology/cath lab and procedure rooms and when providing direct care in the sterile field</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Isolation/ Procedure Masks</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For use by any health care worker involved in direct patient care (inpatient or outpatient) and for use in higher COVID-19 exposure risk settings</li> <li>• One mask per day unless soiled</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Level 1 (Cover Your Cough) Masks</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For use when not performing or involved in any of the tasks in the areas identified above</li> <li>• To be available in the next several days</li> </ul>

## Non-KP Issued Masks

For use in settings currently calling for Level 1 (cover your cough) masks

Discontinue use when KP-issued Level 1 masks are available

If you have questions about mask guidance please discuss with your manager/supervisor

\*PPE stewardship guidance should be followed for all masks