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COVID-19 Trends

We are experiencing a significant rise in our COVID-19 positive cases. As healthcare workers, it is our responsibility to remain alert to changes in the prevalence of this pandemic. This will help us to assess or risk, and prevent potential exposure. Please ask questions regarding rooms you potentially walk into such as, what is the risk? and “AM I PROTECTED?” Keep an eye out for each other and remind others to wear appropriate protective gear.

Safe Work Practices

- Surgical Masks worn at all times in patient care areas, and in any area, social distancing is not possible.
- N95 masks worn at ED entrances, ED triage and ED admitting at all times, in addition to caring for any potential rule outpatient, potential COVID Patients require appropriate isolation.
- Full PPE N95, Goggle/face shield, gown are to be worn for the following
 - **COVID or NON-COVID**
 - All Code Blues
 - All RRT responses
 - All aerosol procedures including HHN, C-Pap, Bi-pap, intubation and extubation
- Strict hand washing/sanitizing between all contact and after touching of facemask.
- Lunch time etiquette should include social distancing when possible, wiping of area and hand washing prior to eating or drinking.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands.
- Notify supervisor of illness or fever immediately

Perform as many tasks as possible in areas away from a patient with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 Work from clean to dirty (i.e., touching clean body sites or surfaces before touching dirty or heavily contaminated areas) and limit opportunities for touch contamination (e.g., adjusting glasses, rubbing the nose, or touching face with gloves that have been in contact with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 patients or contaminated/potentially contaminated surfaces). Also, prevent touch contamination by avoiding unnecessary touching of environmental surfaces (such as light switches and door handles) with contaminated gloves.

The safety of our employees and patients is our number one goal. We are all in this commitment to beat COVID-19.

