

# Acceptable masks for patients, staff and visitors



All patients, staff and visitors are required to wear a mask while on OHSU property.

## ✓ ACCEPTABLE MASKS

N95 respirators are preferred for health care personnel during specific care activities, but may be worn by patients or visitors if that is what they are wearing when they arrive at OHSU.



**HOW TO CORRECTLY WEAR A MASK**

## ✗ UNACCEPTABLE MASKS

Why? Masks with vents/exhalation valves allow unfiltered exhaled air to escape, leaving the wearer and those around them unprotected. Veil masks, neck gaiters, balaclavas and other single layer bandannas are also not effective and do not provide adequate protection. These are unacceptable mask options while on OHSU Health property. All persons wearing these face coverings will be asked to don an OHSU disposable mask.

