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Cooley Dickinson Implements New Mask Policy: Masks Required for All Patients and Visitors Begins Monday

NORTHAMPTON – Effective Monday, April 6, all patients and visitors to Cooley Dickinson Hospital or any Cooley Dickinson location will be supplied with a procedural or surgical mask upon entrance to the building. The mask must be worn as part of Cooley Dickinson’s continued efforts to protect our health care workers, our patients, and to combat any additional community spread.

- *Patients* – Beginning Monday, all patients, including those in all inpatient areas, the emergency department and ambulatory settings/provider offices, must wear the mask provided. Inpatients must wear the mask while outside of their room or during prolonged face-to-face encounters in their rooms. All other patients must wear the mask for the duration of their visit or encounter.
- *Visitors* – Beginning Monday, all visitors, including vendors, contractors, EMS personnel and law enforcement, must immediately put on the mask provided and wear it continuously until leaving the building.

Signs at entrances of Cooley Dickinson Hospital and other Cooley Dickinson locations remind visitors, patients, and others who need to access any Cooley Dickinson of the universal mask policy.

Visit the [Centers for Disease Control & Prevention website for tips on how to protect yourself and others.](#)