

## Masking in Ambulatory and Community Spaces

### Clinical Spaces (area accessible by clients)

Staff must follow the [Ministry of Health Policy Communique on Mask Use in Health Care Facilities During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#).

All clinical and non-clinical staff working in a clinical unit/setting or client care area **must** wear a medical mask, including in common areas and break rooms unless eating and/or drinking.



Medical masks should be changed:

- When visibly soiled
- When damp and/or wet
- When damaged



Perform hand hygiene prior to donning your mask, after removing your mask and anytime you touch the front of the mask.

### Staff Only Spaces (area not accessible by clients)



- Staff may remove their masks when seated at their desk.



- Staff should don their medical mask when transiting through common spaces in staff only areas.



- Staff should don their medical mask when working in close proximity with a colleague (e.g. meetings, huddles).



- A medical mask should be worn in the break room unless eating and/or drinking.



- In staff only spaces where seating is congested and it is difficult to respect personal space, site leadership may consider use of medical masks at all times, even when seated at desk spaces.



- In staff only spaces, staff may elect to wear a medical mask based on comfort level.

