



McHenry Western Lake County EMS System

System Memo #4

To: MWLC EMS PROVIDERS

From: MWLC EMS System

Date: 4/24/2023

RE: Masking Guidelines

MWLC EMS is aligning with NM Northwest Region (Huntley, Woodstock, & McHenry Hospitals) policy regarding masking guidelines. NM Northwest region will follow CDC guidelines.

Beginning April 24, masks will be optional in public spaces and during routine clinical care. Masks will continue to be required according to clinical policies. This includes, for example, patient masking when respiratory symptoms are present, and clinician masking during the care of severely immunocompromised patients.

Masks continue to be recommended in the following clinical units for providers, and patients:

Immediate Care Centers

Emergency Departments

Intensive Care/Critical Care Units, including NICUs and Special Care Nurseries

Inpatient rehabilitation gyms

In units where patients are likely to be immunocompromised

Masks are required during the following scenarios:

If a patient requests healthcare provider, including EMS personnel, or others entering their room to wear a mask

If a patient has respiratory illness symptoms

If droplet isolation has been ordered and signage is on the patient's door (in inpatient unit)