



TO: All Caregivers
FROM: Dr. Kevin Shiley, Infection Prevention and Control
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RE: Mask Use

The Coronavirus pandemic remains a major threat to the health and prosperity of our nation and our community here in Western New York. Per Governor Cuomo's previous executive order, employees must wear a face covering while working to protect coworkers and consumers.

The widespread use of face masks and coverings in public areas helps to capture respiratory materials from infected individuals and contaminating others. Because a large fraction of infected individuals may not be aware that they have Coronavirus infection, it is important that all individuals, regardless of symptoms, wear a mask when they are in proximity to others within Catholic Health facilities whenever possible. As a reminder, masks must completely cover the nose and mouth to be effective.

Thank you for all you do to keep each other and our patients safe.

Sincerely,

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