



NH Department of Corrections

Guidelines: Amendment to NHDOC 2020 - COVID-19 Operational Guidelines

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Section Entitled: “Resident Masks:” Replace with update below

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This update serves to replace the section which begins on page 12 and continues to page 13 entitled “Resident Masks:”

Residents Masks:

When residents leave their rooms to access shared common spaces and/or to go to other approved areas of the facility including but not limited to recreation yards/gyms, they are required to wear a fabric face covering. Fabric face covering are to be worn as demonstrated below:



Residents who report that they are unable to wear a fabric face covering due to health reasons shall be referred to healthcare staff, for assessment, and an alert entered into CORIS to inform security staff if the resident has a medical condition that prohibits wearing a fabric face covering or mask. In addition, a paper pass noting the exemption will be provided to the resident and their pass kept on their person to show to staff.

Failure to comply will result in disciplinary action

These parameters are still in place:

- No fabric face coverings are to be worn by residents single celled in the Special Housing Unit
- No fabric face coverings are to be worn while laying down or sleeping.
- No fabric face coverings are to be worn during observation levels.
- Fabric face coverings must be removed during all standing counts.

Fabric face coverings will have a resident's ID number and name placed on them. The fabric face coverings will be laundered through the department's laundry system.

If a resident's fabric covering needs to be replaced, staff will provide a replacement. Fabric face coverings will also be available for purchase through commissary.

A resident, when directed to remove, or to wear, a fabric face covering will do so without unnecessary delay. Failure to remove a mask for count, or following a direct order to remove the face covering will result in disciplinary action, up to and including a 32A.

If a resident is a suspected or positive COVID-19 case, personnel protective equipment will be issued and required to be worn per protocol/guidelines.

Social/Physical distancing should be actively considered at all times and when possible

To the extent there is credible information or intelligence related to an individual that would relate to the wearing of the face covering, security leadership or Investigations may request an exclusion for the resident through the facility Warden or Director.