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**RE: Masking of Medical Staff**

PrimeCare Medical Employees,

As we continue to address concerns related to COVID-19, the following is to update employees on masking.

**Masking of Medical Staff:** Due to the close proximity that medical staff maintains with the inmate population. PrimeCare Medical recommends the following masking guidelines.

**General Information:**

- General Population (non-quarantined) Units: Masks are not required when on General Population Units.
- Staff can utilize a surgical mask up to a week or discard when noted to be physically soiled or damaged.

**Surgical Mask Usage:**

- Surgical mask: While in close proximity of a patient during the intake process.
- Surgical mask / goggles/face-shield: Staff having direct contact or offering medical care to confirmed or suspected case of ILI
- Surgical mask / goggles/face-shield: Staff entering a quarantined housing unit with symptomatic quarantined patients
- Surgical mask / goggles/face-shield: Staff performing temperature checks or providing medical care to asymptomatic quarantined persons
- Surgical mask: Staff entering a quarantined housing unit with asymptomatic patients. This would represent a facility that chooses to routinely quarantine all new intakes.
- Surgical mask: Staff cleaning an area where an ILI case has spent time

**N-95 Respirator Usage:**

- N-95, goggles/face-shield, gown: Staff performing sample collection for testing.
- N-95, goggles/face-shield, gown: Staff present during a procedure on a confirmed or suspected ILI case that may generate respiratory aerosols.

If you are unsure of masking requirements in a particular situation, contact your chain of command for clarification.