

Naval Medical Center Portsmouth

COVID-19 Face Masking Policy For All Visitors



All individuals on Department of Defense (DOD) property, installations, and facilities must wear face coverings or face masks.

For the safety of all of us, **NMCP requires that all visitors wear a face mask** when entering NMCP, transiting throughout the facility and when seeing a healthcare provider/staff because of the difficulty maintaining six feet of social distancing related to patient care.

Face mask requirements will remain in place at NMCP until further notice.

Who should wear a facemask at NMCP: EVERYONE!

- ◆ All Military Personnel
- ◆ Navy Civilian Employees
- ◆ Family Members
- ◆ Navy Contractors
- ◆ All other individuals

Exception: Face Masks should not be placed on young children younger than 2 years of age.

Face Masks Will:

- ◆ Conform to Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Guidance.
- ◆ Must fit snugly but comfortably against side of the face.
- ◆ Be worn over the nose to the chin as full-face coverings.
- ◆ Be secured with ties or ear loops.
- ◆ Preferably including multiple layers of fabric if material is cloth.
- ◆ Allow for breathing without restriction.

Face coverings with an exhaust valve, and bandanas are prohibited.

These types of masks fail to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and fail to protect other personnel. Multi-layer neck gaiters that meet all safety requirements where a separate ear strap or neck strap is not suitable may be worn