Why should I wear a mask? | COVID-19 is spreading throughout our communities. Wearing the mask protects those who may have been exposed, but who are not currently exhibiting recognized symptoms. The mask keeps you safe from possible exposure, and your safety is our top priority.

How is Vidant Health ensuring we will have an adequate supply of PPE masks during this health crisis? | Throughout the world, PPE is in short supply, on backlog or non-existent. If Vidant is unable to obtain new masks in the future, it is important that all of us take every possible step now to ensure we have decontaminated, safe masks. We are decontaminating masks that are returned in good condition into the designated bins (by team members only). This decontamination process is proven to eradicate COVID-19.

I wear makeup. How can I help? | Removing makeup or choosing not to wear makeup at work makes a difference! More than 30% of Vidant masks cannot be decontaminated and saved for future use because they are soiled with makeup and facial hair. Choosing to be #MakeupFreeForENC helps Vidant’s future mask supply, which is essential to keep you safe.

I have facial hair. What do I need to do? | Choosing to be #FacialHairFreeForENC increases the number of masks available for future use if needed. Facial hair limits Vidant’s ability to decontaminate masks and also compromises the effectiveness of masks, especially the N95 respirator seal and valve function.

Are we using decontaminated masks currently? | No, but should the time arise when we need to use decontaminated PPE, it is important that all of us take every possible step now to ensure we have a back-up supply of decontaminated masks. This is essential to keep you safe. We care like crazy for patients, and we need to care like crazy for each other and protect our PPE supply by going #MakeupFreeForENC and #FacialHairFreeForENC.

Stay tuned for how your before and after photos and/or videos can be used in an upcoming Vidant Health campaign.

You are the most important part of Vidant Health. We love you and all of our heroes, and we want to keep you safe. Help us sustain our mask supply throughout the duration of this pandemic by choosing to be makeup free or removing facial hair.