COVID-19 Update
April 29, 6 a.m.

OVERVIEW
Below is the latest information on Vidant Health’s COVID-19 response and operational updates to help team members and providers safely fulfill our mission to improve the health and well-being of eastern North Carolina in the face of the pandemic.

Operations
Update to system-wide PPE guidelines for patient masking
Below are the Vidant Health guidelines for patient masking (updated on April 23 to include pediatric patients):

- All adult (18 years of age and above) patients in ambulatory areas and Emergency Departments are to wear a mask.
- Pediatric patients in ambulatory areas and Emergency Departments, school aged (4) and above, will be asked to wear a mask as able. For young pediatric patients (< 3 years) and other pediatric patients unable to don a mask due to developmental status, the accompanying guardian will wear a mask.
- Continue provider, team member and visitor masking in lieu of universal patient masking in acute care areas/units.
- In an acute care environment, patients on Airborne or Droplet Precautions and/or exhibiting respiratory signs and symptoms, should wear a mask during transport and/or during a procedure. For patients that do not have symptoms requiring infection precautions, they should not wear a mask.
- Patients are allowed to use their own homemade masks.

Changes to visitation restrictions (went into effect April 27)
Visitation changes within Maynard Children’s Hospital:

- One guardian allowed at all times with the pediatric patient in the Neonatal ICU and Pediatric ICU; switching of the two designated guardians can occur with only one guardian allowed to be present at the beside at any time.
- Intermediate and general status pediatric patients continue with only one designated guardian present for duration of stay due to less critical status.
- In the event of palliative or end-of-life care, both guardians allowed to be present at the bedside together upon approval of Maynard Children’s leadership.

Eddie and Jo Alison Smith Cancer Tower (specific to VCC Clinic and VH Cancer Clinics):

- One visitor will be allowed in the Surgery Cancer Clinic for patient’s receiving new diagnosis and surgical planning.

Heroes Movement: Update on our progress
Team members who remove makeup or facial hair when wearing masks help Vidant Health increase the supply of masks that can be decontaminated and preserved for future use if needed. Masks that are soiled by makeup or facial hair must be destroyed and cannot be preserved. With your help, we can reduce the percentage of soiled masks collected from more than 30% to near 0%.

Prior to Heroes’ Movement campaign (April 6):

More than 30% of masks were soiled with makeup or facial hair

Week of April 2 – 9: 31% of masks were soiled with makeup or facial hair

Week of April 10 – 16: 26% of masks were soiled with makeup or facial hair

Week of April 17 – 23: 20.8% of masks were soiled with makeup or facial hair
Resources
All team members are encouraged to visit [MyVidant.org](https://MyVidant.org) or [VidantHealth.com/COVID-19](https://VidantHealth.com/COVID-19) for updates, which will include frequently asked questions. [Click here](#) to view current and previous alerts.