



Memo from the President & CEO and Chief of Staff

Date: April 7, 2020
Re: Non-Medical Grade Masks

You have probably read about the wearing of non-medical grade masks to possibly help stop the spread of COVID-19.

- <https://www.google.ca/amp/s/www.cbc.ca/amp/1.5523321>

Starting Friday April 10, 2020, we will be handing out two cloth (non-medical grade) masks when you LEAVE your shift to wear outside of the hospital if that is your desire. THESE ARE NOT MEANT TO BE WORN INSIDE THE HOSPITAL however, we will not prevent you from doing so.

This is NOT meant to replace proper PPE that must be worn in the clinical setting when caring for a probable and/or positive COVID-19 patient. This does not change our current practice.

We will continue to follow the advice in this document as to when and what type of PPE is appropriate during this pandemic.

- <https://www.wrhone.ca/uploads/Coronavirus/PPE To Use During The COVID19 Pandemic.pdf>

Again, as stated by Dr. Tam, we do not recommend wearing non-medical grade masks at any time because it does provide a “false sense of security” and as a result of the continual touching of the mask it could result in inadvertent spread of the virus to yourself. However, we recognize some of you might feel better by doing so.

Please launder these non-medical grade masks in warm water and regular detergent daily after use.

