

Do I have to wear a mask or face covering?

Yes – all patients and visitors will be required to wear a mask or face covering.

Can I use a homemade mask?

Yes, homemade masks are perfectly suitable.

How do I make a homemade mask or face covering?

We suggest visiting this CDC reference page for guidance, which include a quick video:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html>

Why are you requiring people to wear masks?

The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) are recommending use of cloth face coverings and masks in order to reduce the potential for community-based transmission of COVID-19.

What if I don't have a homemade mask or face covering?

It is safer for everyone when people use homemade masks or face coverings. A bandana or t-shirt can even work in a pinch, and most people have those on hand. We do have a limited supply of masks, but we are focused on preserving this supply.

Is it safe to come to your facility if you are requiring masks?

Yes, OrthoNebraska is taking many precautions to ensure the safety of everyone. This includes temperature checks and multiple wellness screenings for both staff and guests, limiting waiting in common areas such as waiting rooms and lobbies, and encouraging many patients to utilize virtual visits.

What if I am not comfortable coming in?

Depending on your needs and the nature of visit, we would love to discuss our virtual care program with you. You can receive easy access to OrthoNebraska providers – likely even your scheduled provider - from wherever you.

Who has to wear a mask?

All patient-facing staff, patients and visitors are required to wear a mask.

Are you still limiting visitors?

Yes, we are still enforcing a very limited visitor policy. Details can be found at on our COVID-19 page.

Are all facilities requiring a mask, including Norfolk and Sarpy?

Yes – the mask policy is enforced at all OrthoNebraska sites.

When will this policy end?

At this time, we are unsure how long this policy will be in place. We will continue to monitor the spread of COVID-19 both locally and nationally, and will routinely review any needed policy changes.