# UVM Medical Center COVID-19: 
Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Guidelines for patients and for staff that do not have close contact with patients.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Who</th>
<th>When</th>
<th>PPE Standard</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Patients, staff, vendors, and/or contractors</td>
<td>While in public space (walking the hallways, conference rooms, etc)</td>
<td>Personal Mask* (if not available use procedure mask)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Staff, vendors, and/or contractors</td>
<td>In a private office or shared work space when social distancing is possible (greater than 6 ft)</td>
<td>Personal Mask* must be worn when leaving space or within 6 feet of others</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| Staff, vendors, and/or contractors                  | In shared work space and social distancing is not possible (less than 6 feet)- with or without a barrier | Procedure Mask  
  - Use one mask/day (unless damaged or physically soiled)  
  - Perform hand hygiene before and after touching mask  
  - Avoid donning/doffing the mask repeatedly |
| Patients without symptoms of COVID-19               | While in UVM Medical Center facilities.  
  Except when in private room and not in close contact with others (within 6ft) | Personal Mask* (if not available use procedure mask)                        |
| Patients with symptoms of COVID-19                  | While in UVM Medical Center facilities.  
  Except when in private room and not in close contact with others (within 6ft) | Procedure Mask                                                             |
| Outpatient Surgical Patients with or without symptoms of COVID-19 | When in UVM Medical Center Facility | Procedure Mask  
  - If patient arrives to pre-op check-in with a cloth mask in place they will be provided a procedure mask  
  - Store personal mask in patient belongings |

* Cloth masks have two or more layers of washable, breathable fabric, completely cover nose and mouth, and fit snugly against the sides of the face. Masks should be washed daily by user and hand hygiene performed before and after touching mask.

- Masks with exhalation ports are not considered sufficient facial covering, for staff or patients, the exhalation ports are not routinely filtered and therefore do not provide source containment.
- Gaiters, bandanas and face shields are not considered appropriate face coverings.
- Patients in semi-private rooms are expected to wear facial covering when in close contact with staff, in close contact with patients, or when the curtain must be opened causing them to be in close contact with their roommate.