

Families of Children's Therapy Center (CTC),

We hope this message finds you and all of your family members in good health.

As a medical facility, we frequently must follow a different set of CDC and/or PADOH guidelines compared to community businesses, schools etc. We realize this can be confusing to parents so we wanted to communicate the following change that Washington Health System (WHS) is incorporating for all of its facilities, including CTC.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Effective date: Monday 1/24/22

In accordance with the CDC's most recent guidance on masks, ALL WHS facilities, including CTC, will now require a procedural/surgical mask at minimum to enter a facility. This includes your child who is wearing a mask as well.

Cloth masks will no longer be acceptable attire to enter our buildings, even if it is just to drop off or pick up your child. Please note that staff are not permitted to exit the buildings during drop off/pick up times.

**We will have procedural/surgical masks, adult and child sizes, available in our front offices free of charge if you should forget to bring one.

1. All adults MUST wear a **procedural/surgical** mask.
 - When entering the facility for any reason

2. All children attending therapy should be wearing a **procedural/surgical** mask.
 - Children < 2 years of age are not required to wear a mask per PA DOH / CDC guidelines
 - Only children with medical problems creating an inability to wear a mask that would otherwise pose a safety risk for them are excluded from this guideline
 - If your child is not currently tolerating wearing a mask, our therapists do a great job in slowly gaining children's tolerance to wearing a mask during their therapy sessions. We are happy to help them work on this and/or wear a face shield.

Staff at CTC would like to THANK ALL OF YOU for helping promote and maintain a safe environment for your child and other children to receive therapy. It is great to see how each of us is putting other people's safety as their priority each day and with each interaction we have during the Pandemic.

We THANK YOU again for letting us care for your child and we look forward to continuing this partnership with you all to provide a safe and therapeutic environment today, tomorrow and in the future.

Best regards,

Washington Health Systems Children's Therapy Center

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