

Do I need to wear a mask?

Because COVID-19 hospitalizations and the number of positive tests have steadily decreased throughout the region, masks are now optional at most Atrium Health care locations.

If you feel more comfortable wearing a mask, please do. Studies show that wearing a mask can both protect you and prevent the spread of COVID-19. Masks are especially helpful in places where it's hard to practice physical distance. See CDC's latest guidance on masks.

We also encourage all patients to stay up to date on recommended COVID, flu and other vaccines.

We will continue to monitor conditions within the community in case mask requirements are needed to help prevent the spread of viruses.

At All Hospitals, Doctors' Offices and Other Atrium Health Locations

- Visitors must:
 - Be in good health (free from respiratory illness, fever, cough, etc.)
 - Wear a mask in areas where masks may be required (masks are now optional at most Atrium Health locations)
- Visitors who do not follow the guidance above can pose serious safety concerns. They will be escorted out of the building in order to keep our patients and staff safe
- Patients at Atrium Health skilled nursing facilities may be allowed limited visitors. Contact the patient's facility to find out more about visitation for their facility.

Medical Practices and Doctors' Offices

- Visitors are encouraged to be in good health and to follow any localized visitor guidelines given by their practice.

Please also review the restrictions for all locations.

Ways we're keeping you safe

Here are some examples of what our COVID-Safe care looks like:

- Quicker testing. We help you get results quickly by testing before procedures. All patients are tested before scheduled hospital stays to limit exposure.
- Clean facilities. We fight germs with extensive cleaning and disinfectant protocols at every location.
- Dedicated care areas and teams. To protect them both, we see COVID and non-COVID patients in separate, dedicated areas.
- Leading by example. Our employees follow the latest best practices, including wearing the appropriate PPE and frequent handwashing.

- Choose where you wait. For in-person visits, you can wait where you're more comfortable, like your car or outside.

Helpful links -

PAGE: <https://atriumhealth.org/about-us/coronavirus>

PAGE: <https://atriumhealth.org/about-us/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccine#vaccine-info>

PAGE: <https://atriumhealth.org/about-us/coronavirus/covid-recovery-care>