JACKSON HEALTH SYSTEM MASKS AND VISITATION GUIDELINES

	RISK LEVEL			
	CRITICAL	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW
COVID-Positive Cases Per Day Over Three-Day Period at Jackson	>250	151-250	76-150	<75
Patient COVID testing	Pre-encounter testing for all scheduled encounters; on- site testing for emergency cases.	Pre-encounter testing for all scheduled inpatient encounters; on- site testing for emergency cases upon admission order.	Testing for symptomatic patients	Testing for symptomatic patients
	Always COVID test patients being admitted for transplant, labor and delivery, or behavioral health, as well as oncology patients being admitted for chemotherapy. Always COVID test patients from Corrections Health Services or nursing homes.			
Cafeteria Requirements	Limited seating. Wear mask when not eating/ drinking.	Limited seating. Wear mask when not eating/ drinking.	Limited seating.	Normal operations
	Unvaccinated employees and providers are not allowed to eat or drink in Jackson facilities. All meals and snacks must be consumed outside.			
Employee, Provider, and Vendor Masking	Surgical masks required for everyone at all times, including non-clinical areas.	Surgical masks required in all clinical areas at all times and during all in- person meetings. Surgical masks are preferred but optional for vaccinated personnel in non- clinical facilities and office suites.	Surgical masks required in all clinical areas at all times. Surgical masks are preferred but optional for vaccinated personnel in non- clinical facilities and office suites.	Surgical masks required during clinical interactions (see below) and at all times in areas identified by signage as high-risk areas.
	 N95 masks required in areas where COVID patients are being treated and aerosol- generating procedures are being performed, including intubation and extubation. Clinical interactions include providing clinical care, as well as activities such as patient transport, office consults, diagnostic encounters, and any interaction in a patient's room. Employees not vaccinated against COVID must wear N95 masks at all times. From October through March, employees who have not received the current flu vaccine must wear surgical or N95 masks at all times. Masks will always be available for any employee or provider who prefers to wear a mask, even when not required. 			
Visitor Masking	Surgical masks always required in all areas.	Surgical masks always required in all areas.	Surgical masks always required in all areas.	Surgical masks required in hospital rooms with more than one patient, and at all times in areas identified by signage as high-risk areas.
Visitor Allowance	Restricted consistent with state and federal law.	Normal operations	Normal operations	Normal operations
In-Person Meetings	Not allowed	Limited (up to 50 percent of room capacity), masks always required for everyone. Essential hands-on training recommended in person; Zoom encouraged for all other meetings.	Normal operations, consistent with mask requirements.	Normal operations, consistent with mask requirements.
Entry Screening	Daily CARE Check-In for employees. Symptom screening for all others.	Daily CARE Check-In for employees. Symptom screening for all others.	Daily CARE Check- In for symptomatic employees only. Staff may deny entry to visitors with visible symptoms.	Daily CARE Check- In for symptomatic employees only. Staff may deny entry to visitors with visible symptoms.
Volunteers	Not allowed	Must be vaccinated against COVID	Must be vaccinated against COVID	Must be vaccinated against COVID

