



**PHILIPPINE GENERAL HOSPITAL**

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**MEMORANDUM NO. 2024 – 034**

**TO: All Concerned**

**FROM: GERARDO D. LEGASPI, MD** *rd*  
Director

**SUBJECT: HICU GUIDANCE ON MASKING at the PGH Effective March 01, 2024**

**NEW ON THE USE OF MASKS AT THE PGH**

**A. For PGH Staff, Students and Subcontracted workers:**

- 1) Healthy asymptomatic PGH and UPM staff, students and subcontracted workers will not be required anymore to wear masks in the following areas:
  - a. Inside PGH Building but outside Clinical areas like the Atrium, Administrative Offices, Classrooms, Conference Rooms such as the Science Hall, Guazon Hall and similar areas for teaching, various Offices, lounges and call rooms of doctors, nurses, students, PGH Mess Hall, PGH Chapel, Dormitories, Nurses' Home, all elevators.
  - b. Outside the PGH building such as gates, pedestrian lanes, parking lots, covered walks, flag pole areas.
- 2) PGH HCWs should continue to wear at least a surgical mask when inside any of the ff. clinical areas or when anticipating performing patient-related care:
  - OPD Clinics, FMAB, OPD treatment rooms, OPD-Dentistry, UPHS
  - All special Units including Dialysis, CI, Laboratories, Radiology suites
  - ER, ICUs, OR, Recovery Room
  - All Service Wards, all Pay Wards
- 3) PGH HCWs assigned to work in Bayanihan Unit, Isolation Units, TB Units, COVID rooms or similar areas should wear an N95 mask.
- 4) If the PGH employee, student or worker would have any symptom, please seek consultation with the UPHS and wear a mask as source control during the period of illness.
- 5) Similarly if the PGH employee, student or worker would have any condition which makes them vulnerable to respiratory infections, kindly opt to wear a mask for your protection.

**B. All patients and their watchers are still REQUIRED to wear masks at all times whenever inside any of the buildings of the PGH.**

Please be guided accordingly.