

**Masking Observation Tool\***

**Center Name:**

**Unit(s):**

**Observer:**

**Date:**

Masking Practice**	Staff 1	Staff 2	Staff 3	Staff 4	# Y	# Y+N
<b>Location where staff member is being observed:</b>						
<b>Role of staff member being observed:</b>						
<b>M1.</b> Hand hygiene is performed before donning a mask.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> M	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> M	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> M	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> M		
<b>M2.</b> Hand hygiene is performed before touching a mask while wearing the mask.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> M	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> M	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> M	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> M		
<b>M3.</b> Hand hygiene is performed before doffing a mask.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> M	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> M	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> M	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> M		
<b>M4.</b> Hand hygiene is performed after doffing mask.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> M	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> M	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> M	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> M		
<b>M5.</b> Mask is worn over both the mouth and nose, and is not pulled under nose, under chin, on top of head, or on wrist.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> M	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> M	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> M	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> M		
<b>M6.</b> Straps are secure around ears/head (are not hanging).	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> M	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> M	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> M	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> M		
<b>M7.</b> If removed, mask is removed by touching only the straps.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> M	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> M	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> M	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> M		
<b>M8.</b> If surgical mask: if removed, surgical mask is discarded.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> M	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> M	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> M	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> M		
<b>M9.</b> If N95: if removed, N95 mask is either discarded or stored in a paper bag or breathable container for reuse.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> M	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> M	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> M	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> M		
<b>M10.</b> If unmasked, 6' distance is maintained, including while eating and drinking.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> M	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> M	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> M	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> M		

Total # of Correct Practices Observed (#Y):

Total # Mask Observations (# Y+N):   
(Up to 40 possible)

% Adherence:   
(Total # Y ÷ Total Y+N, x 100)

\*Adapted from the Centers for Disease Control's [Facemask Do's and Don'ts for Healthcare Personnel](#).

\*\*These practices pertain to cloth masks, surgical facemask, and respirators, although [CDC encourages use of surgical masks and/or respirators for direct patient care](#).

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### Instructions:

- (1) Randomly identify four staff to observe. Seek to conduct observations on multiple shifts.
- (2) For each staff member, indicate the location of the observation (e.g., resident room, corridor, nursing station) and his/her role (e.g., nursing, housekeeping, therapy).
- (3) Observe each practice and check either Y (Yes) or N (No) to indicate whether or not it was done. If the practice could not be observed (e.g., your view of the staff member was obscured) or the practice was not applicable (e.g., the staff member did not don a mask), check M (Missing).
- (4) At far right, record the total number of practices that were done (total Y) and the total number of observations (total Y+N).
- (5) Enter the totals and calculate the percent adherence manually in the row at bottom.