Naval Medical Center Portsmouth (NMCP)

COVID-19 FACE MASKING POLICY FOR ALL VISITORS

The Secretary of Defense released a memo on 5 April 2020 requiring all individuals on Department of Defense (DOD) property, installations, and facilities to wear face coverings/masks.

For the safety of all of us, NMCP requires that all visitors wear a face mask when entering NMCP, transiting throughout the facility and when seeing a healthcare provider/staff because of the difficulty maintaining six feet of social distancing related to patient care. Face mask requirements will remain in place at NMCP until further notice.

Who should wear a face mask at NMCP: EVERYONE!

- All Military Personnel.
- Navy Civilian Employees.
- Family Members.
- Navy Contractors.
- All other individuals on DOD property, installations and facilities.

Exception: Face masks should not be placed on young children younger than 2 years of age.

Face Masks Will:

- Conform to Centers for Disease Control Guidance.
  - Must fit snugly but comfortably against side of the face.
  - Be worn over the nose to the chin as full-face coverings.
  - Be secured with ties or ear loops.
  - Preferably including multiple layers of fabric if material is cloth.
  - Allow for breathing without restriction.