

# Universal Masking Process When Entering Patient Rooms

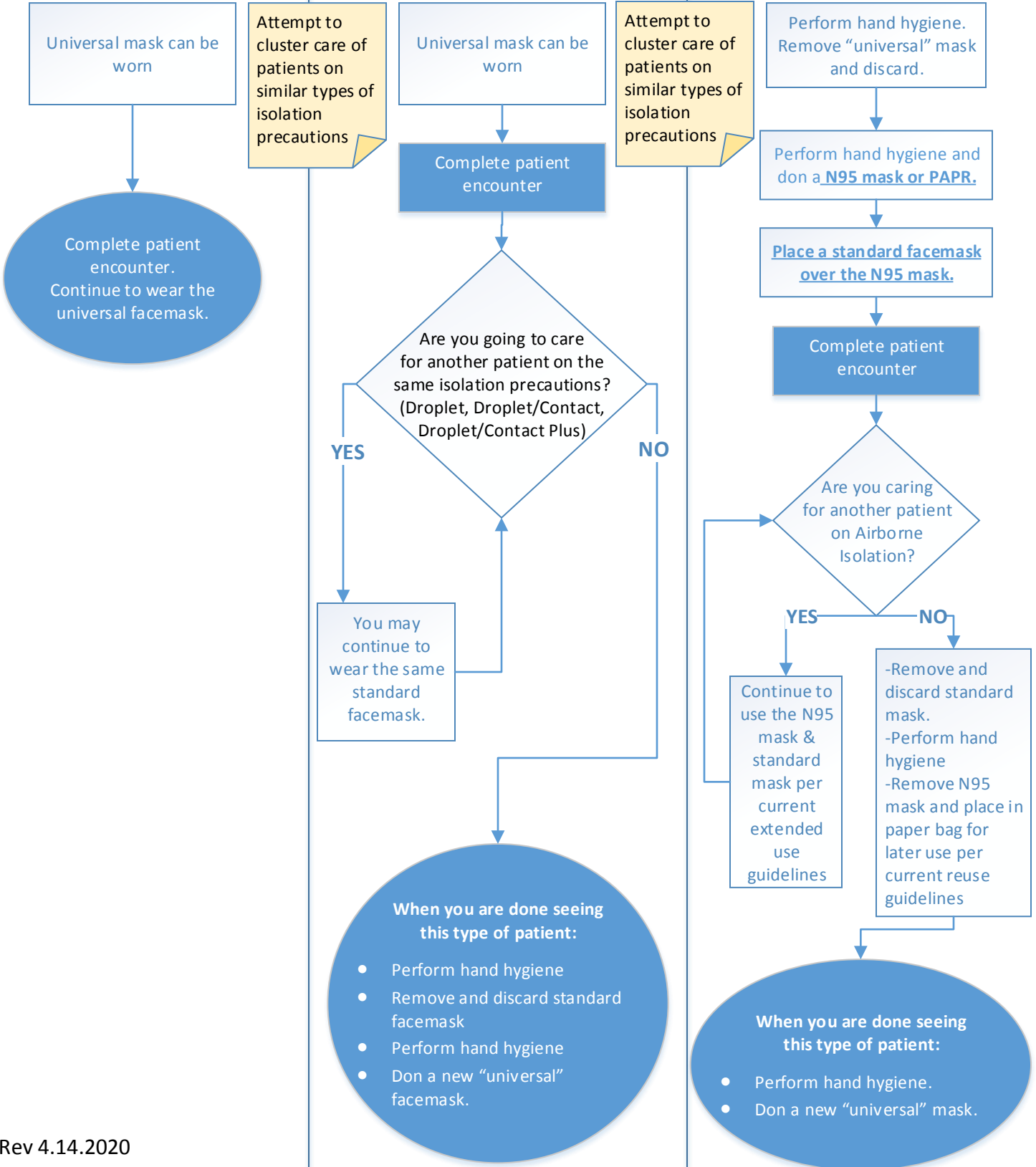
One clean universal mask will be provided at the beginning of the shift.  
The universal mask should be used at all times unless eating or drinking.  
Replace mask if wet, soiled or contaminated.

**Avoid touching "universal" mask with your hands if possible. If you must touch your "universal" mask, perform hand hygiene before and after you touch your mask.**

Patients with **No Isolation Precautions** or **Contact Isolation**

Patients on **Droplet Isolation, Droplet Contact** or **Droplet Contact Plus Isolation**

Patients requiring **N95 masks** or on **Airborne** or **Airborne Plus Isolation**



## **UNIVERSAL MASKING**

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### **Universal masking process:**

- **One** clean standard facemask will be provided at the beginning of the shift – we will refer to this mask as the “universal mask” in this communication.
- This “universal” mask should be used until soiled, damaged/torn, or wet.
- **Avoid touching “universal” mask** with your hands if possible. **If you must touch your “universal” mask**, perform hand hygiene before and after you touch your mask.

### **Mask use when having contact with patients (what to do with your “universal” mask when seeing patient based on their isolation status):**

When seeing patients **not on isolation or on Contact Isolation precautions** only:

- The “universal” mask can be used to see these patients.

When seeing patients **requiring standard facemask (patients on Droplet, Droplet Contact or Droplet Contact PLUS Isolation precautions)**, please follow this procedure:

- The “universal” mask can be used to see these patients.
- You may continue to wear same mask in other Droplet, Droplet Contact or Droplet Contact PLUS isolation rooms. *You should not wear this same mask in non-isolation rooms or if done seeing patients.*
- Perform hand hygiene, remove mask and discard.
- Perform hand hygiene and don a new “universal” mask.

When seeing patients **requiring N95 respirator**, please follow this procedure:

- Perform hand hygiene, remove clean “universal” mask and discard.
- Perform hand hygiene.
- Don N95/PAPR.
- Don a standard face mask over the N95 mask.
- When patient care completed perform hand hygiene.
- Doff and discard the standard mask that is covering the N95.
- Perform hand hygiene.
- Remove N95 mask and store per reuse guidelines.
- After patient encounter(s) perform hand hygiene then don a new “universal” mask.

# Universal Masking Process Employees not providing direct patient care

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One clean universal face mask will be provided at the beginning of the shift

Mask should be worn at all times unless eating or drinking

Discard universal mask at the end of the day.

Avoid touching "universal" mask with your hands if possible. If you must touch your "universal" mask, perform hand hygiene before and after you touch your mask.

If mask becomes soiled, damaged, torn or wet replace with a new universal mask, see your manager