

PDL COVID-19 SAFETY UPDATES

January 19, 2022 (CORRECTED)

Pacific Diagnostic Laboratories (PDL) continues to evaluate our processes and practices related to the COVID-19 response. The following changes are now in place in response to the current COVID-19 surge to keep our staff and patients safe.

We ask for your assistance in advising your patients on these safety steps.

MASK UPDATE: PROCEDURAL OR NIOSH-APPROVED N95

PDL is aligning with Cottage Health mask guidance.

Guidance is based on current evidence of the Omicron variant’s high transmissibility, and lower efficacy of cloth masks in preventing transmission against this variant.

Patients visiting a PDL Patient Service Center (PSC):

- Will be asked to change to a procedural/medical grade mask or N95 if they are not wearing NIOSH-approved N95.
- Masks will be provided at the PSC.
- No use of Cloth or KN95 masks at PSC.

Mask Update

N95 is strongly recommended for everyone working in or visiting CH facilities. Follow clinical protocols for any higher level PPE required.

Who	Mask Options
All CH Staff Vendors Visitors Outpatients	» N95 – Strongly Recommended » Procedural
Inpatients	» Procedural (based on medical considerations)

Effective January 19-31, 2022 (may be extended).

Cottage will provide N95s and procedural masks at entrances with screeners. Masks must be Cottage-issued, or must be a NIOSH-approved N95. No use of cloth masks or KN95s in Cottage facilities.

RECENTLY POSITIVE PATIENTS: DELAY ROUTINE BLOOD DRAW UNTIL ISOLATION COMPLETE

If your patient has recently tested positive for COVID: To keep our staff and other patients safe, please advise the patient to not come for routine blood work until completion of isolation.

COVID POSITIVE DIAGNOSIS

10 DAYS OF ISOLATION

- ◆ Stay home except to seek medical care
- ◆ Delay routine Blood work until isolation is complete
- ◆ Wear a mask and avoid close contact in household

If you have any questions, please contact your sales representative or PDL Client Services.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT PDL CLIENT SERVICES AT 805-879-8100