

# About Wearing a Mask at MSK for Pediatric Patients & Families

At MSK, we make every effort to provide a safe and welcoming environment for our patients and visitors. Masks are one of the best ways to keep our patients, visitors, and staff healthy and safe.



Please see our [Visitor Policy](#) for the latest updates on our masking rules.

## Does my child need to wear a mask while at MSK?

All children age 2 and older need to wear a mask while in their hospital room.

## **I'm a caregiver. Do I need to wear a mask while at MSK?**

Yes, it's important that everyone wear a mask at MSK when you are in a patient's hospital room.

## **How does wearing a mask help?**

Covering your mouth and nose greatly lowers the chances of spreading infection. It stops small droplets that come out of your mouth when you talk, sneeze, and cough.

## **What is the right way to wear a mask?**

Face masks should cover your nose, mouth and chin. If possible, adjust your mask so there are no gaps on either side.

## **Can I take my mask off to eat?**

Yes, it's fine to take off you're mask while you eat and drink. If a staff member or visitor enters your room, please put your mask back on.

## **What if I need a new mask?**

If you need a new mask, ask any member of your care team.

For more resources, visit [www.mskcc.org/pe](http://www.mskcc.org/pe) to search our virtual library.

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