

Keeping Masks In Healthcare

**Values High-Risk
Peoples Lives
and keeps us all safer**

***We must all act for Masks
and Routine Testing in
Healthcare***

National Leaders in Hospital Epidemiology say

**"Masking For All
Patient Encounters"**

should be **the New
Standard of Care**

See: Kalu, IC, Henderson DK, Weber DJ, Haessler S. "Back to the future: Redefining "universal precautions" to include masking for all patient encounters." *Infection Control Hosp Epidemiology* 2023 Feb

But hospital administrators are lobbying to get rid of masks and pre-procedure COVID testing **apparently to increase profits.**
OUR LIVES ARE WORTH MORE THAN HEALTHCARE PROFIT MARGINS.

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We Must Act

- **Write and Call Hospital CEOs:**
<https://actionnetwork.org/letters/maintain-masking-in-healthcare>.
- **Call your Governor** tell them to protect disabled people and elder's lives.
- **Call your State Senators and Representatives to pressure** Governors and DPH to keep masks in healthcare.
- **Call Hospital Patient Advocate Lines and Administrators.** Tell them to publicly announce masks will be their new infection control standard.
- **Join a local group** or start your own.

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- **Tell All Your Family and Friends to Act** write a personal email, text and/or call. Tell them how important this is, and ask them to send a letter to the Governor and to call the hospitals.
- **Organize a phone-banking session** Call hospitals and legislators together with friends.
- **Use online groups to spread the word** like "still coving" or disability justice groups. Call hospitals and elected together.
- **Read history and get inspired.** Collective Action won all the Civic Rights we have in the US. We have a rich legacy to learn from

**4 in 10
Adults
Are high-risk**

**Universal Good Masking
Keeps Us All Safer**

We are all vulnerable to Long COVID.

**Universal Masking Protect Infants
and others who cannot mask.**

**Protect Our Elders who suffer highest
hospitalization rates and 90% of deaths.**

**It's all our duty to act
to keep masks in healthcare**

**Organize A Small, N95-
Masked Protest in Front of
Your Hospital.
Tell the Press.
Post Your Action + Tag us.**

Use These Materials

**More resources available at
peoplescdc.org/keephealthcaresafe**

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