







We thank Alderwoman Marina Dimitrijevic and the Milwaukee Common Council for their attention to the importance of wearing masks to help keep residents safe and prevent the spread of COVID-19. We strongly believe that wearing a cloth mask in public helps reduce the spread and severity of COVID-19 in our communities.

As health care providers in Milwaukee, we strongly encourage everyone to follow public health precautions, like washing your hands, keeping physical distance and wearing masks. Wearing a cloth mask or face covering over your nose and mouth helps limit the spread of germs to others, protecting everyone no matter their age or health status. While we have much to learn about COVID-19, we do know that everyone in our community plays a crucial role in helping us all stay healthy and safe.

We appreciate the efforts of local businesses and institutions who have implemented mask guidelines for their employees, customers and community members. We've seen many organized efforts come together over the past several months to ensure that frontline workers and our most vulnerable community members have access to masks they need. We personally appreciate all of the volunteers, donors and corporate partners who have helped provide masks for our patients and staff.

As you consider policies addressing mask-wearing in Milwaukee, we recognize, as you do, the importance of helping our residents obtain the masks they need and ensuring that their inability to pay for or obtain a mask does not result in adverse consequences for them. Together, we all must continue to work to support our community members in wearing masks to help keep each other safe and prevent the spread of COVID-19.