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Effective Wednesday April 29, 2020, all patients entering the UNM Hospitals and ambulatory clinics will be asked to wear a mask while in the facility. This will help to ensure the safety of all persons entering our institution.

Current data suggests that the novel corona virus SARS-CoV-2 – which causes COVID-19 infections – is transmitted through prolonged, close contact with an infected person. Respiratory droplets enter through the mucous membranes including eyes, nose, and mouth of an uninfected person and can cause COVID-19 infection. Covering our eyes, nose, and mouth with a mask can limit spread of infection, including from people who may not currently have symptoms of COVID-19 infection. This guidance aligns with the current CDC and New Mexico Governor’s recommendations that people wear face coverings when out in public