Conserve Pediatric Procedure Masks to Better Serve Patients

In response to the COVID-19 (novel coronavirus), the demand for personal protective equipment (PPE) is at an all-time high worldwide. Pediatric procedure masks are one item that is expected to be in short supply for an extended time due to the limited number of manufacturers producing a mask of its size.

Current Intermountain inventory levels are not sufficient to meet the growing demand, therefore improved controls and stewardship are essential. At this time, all face masks open to the public should be stored in the line of sight of Intermountain caregivers. Doing this will allow better product usage monitoring, and helps discourage patients and visitors from using more than what’s needed.

Effective immediately all hospitals and clinics should pull the Disney® printed pediatric procedure masks away from all common areas to help preserve inventory and prevent inventory shrinkage. These masks should only be carried behind Security, Registration, or Volunteer desks and handed out to pediatric patients on an as needed basis.

Orders for these pediatric masks, and other pandemic supplies, are actively being monitored to prevent excessive use in any one hospital or clinic. Order quantities will be adjusted to align historical utilization.

An alternative yellow procedure mask is available from the SCO Fulfillment Center and can be used to stock PPE stands or common areas in the interim.

For other questions related to the Coronavirus please refer to Infection Prevention’s COVID-19 webpage on Intermountain.net.