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COVID-19: UNIVERSAL FACE MASKING

On April 3, 2020, President Trump announced new guidelines recommending people in the U.S. wear face coverings in public areas to slow the spread of the coronavirus. The recommendation calls for either universal use of a face covering such as cloth masks when people go out in public in all regions, or for leaders to focus these recommendations more narrowly towards areas with high community transmission of the virus that causes COVID-19.

The CDC says the guidance only makes sense if practiced broadly because it would be an additional way to contain the virus and prevent communities with low transmission from becoming areas with explosive spread.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html>

Midland Health supports and encourages the CDC recommendation of universal face masking. Midland Health employees are encouraged and provided a face mask to wear. These efforts will enhance our social distancing and hopefully prevent the spread of any disease inadvertently between our staff, physicians and patients.

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