

To whom it may concern,

One of the best ways to prevent the spread of COVID-19 is through distancing and facial coverings. There are very few medical contraindications to this. In fact, many of the reasons put forth for exemption including asthma are all the more reason to use facial coverings as there are risks if the patient contacts COVID-19.

___ Patient is medically exempt from wearing a facial covering. Please use a face shield instead.

___ Patient is not medically exempt from wearing a facial covering, however there may be behavioral, sensory, anxiety or other reasons that make it challenging to wear a face covering. Please work with the patient to gradually sensitize to wearing a face covering or use a face shield. Those working with children unable to wear masks should consider additional use of PPE such as eye protection (goggles or a face shield in addition to a mask.)

Sincerely,