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Dear Medical Staff,

Medical City Healthcare has recently expanded personal protection recommendations to include universal eye protection. This recommendation is in alignment with the Centers for Disease Control.

As we know, healthcare teams working in facilities located in areas with moderate to substantial community transmission are at higher risk for acquiring COVID-19. Wearing eye protection as a precaution, such as a face shield, adds an additional layer of protection from splashes and sprays of infectious materials from others.

Our guidance is that all staff delivering direct patient care should wear a face shield or eye protection. We also recommend the use of eye protection during interactions where splashes and sprays of infectious material from others is expected.

Extended use of eye protection is the practice of wearing the same eye protection for repeated close encounters with several different patients, without removing the eye protection between patient encounters. Extended use of eye protection can be applied to disposable and reusable face shields and goggles.

We will provide you with a face shield or goggles for extended use which can be replaced if damaged, no longer sealing appropriately, or visibility is obscured. You are welcome to keep the face shield or goggles and clean them, or you can return the face shield to a designated receptacle before leaving for reprocessing.

For specific guidance on cleaning face shields or goggles, you can refer to your hospital PPE lead or the following CDC website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/ppe-strategy/eye-protection.html>

If you have questions, please contact your facility PPE lead.

Appreciatively,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Miguel Benet".

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