Tips for Cloth Face Coverings During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Overview
The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is recommending wearing cloth face coverings in public. Consistent with these guidelines, employees are allowed to wear masks at work. Employees can wear cloth or homemade face coverings if they choose. Please talk with supervisors in advance to make sure the face covering does not create a safety hazard in the work environment.

Surgical masks or N-95 respirators should not be worn because these must be reserved for healthcare workers and other medical first responders.

For further information, visit the employee FAQ on the campus safety page.

How to Wear a Cloth Face Covering
• Wash your hands before placing any covering on your face
• Check to ensure a good fit. Indications of a good fit of a cloth face covering include:
  o Covers from the bridge of the nose, just below the eyes, and fully wraps the chin with at least one inch under the chin.
  o Fits securely around the face with little to no gapping.

Safely Removing Cloth Face Coverings
• Do not touch your eyes, nose, or mouth when removing your face covering.
• Wash hands immediately after removing.
• Note: Replace face coverings with a new one when it becomes excessively damp.
• At the end of a shift, place into a sealed bag to transport for laundering. Face masks should be laundered before reuse.

Laundering Cloth Masks
• Wash and dry face coverings at the highest temperature in a standard clothes washer and dryer.

Maintaining 6-feet social distancing remains important to slowing the spread of the virus. Continue to take all the necessary precautions, and stay healthy. We are all in this together. Thank you for continuing to do everything possible to care for yourself and others.