FACE COVERINGS

Face coverings are required:

➤ When you are indoors where other people are present; a face covering is not needed when working alone in a private office or work area.

➤ When you are outdoors whenever keeping a 6-foot distance from other people may not be possible; a face covering is not needed when you are outdoors (e.g., walking, exercising) and you are able to stay 6 feet away from other people.

➤ Cloth face coverings do not replace job-specific requirements for use of personal protective equipment (PPE).

MEDICAL/PROCEDURE MASKS

Medical/procedure masks are required:

➤ When performing work to support critical operations and
  o Maintaining a 6-foot distance at all times is not possible; and
  o A risk assessment indicates a medical/procedure mask is required PPE for the work activity

➤ When working in areas where there may be exposure to hazardous materials (e.g., a biosafety level 2 lab) or in a University space where they are required

➤ When the job site requires a medical/procedure mask as part of the usual PPE

Follow job site instructions and training on PPE use.

VIDEO: How to put on and safely wear a medical/procedure mask (www.youtube.com/watch?v=0whUgkCgP0U)

MORE INFORMATION

University Guidance on Facemask Use for Preventing the Spread of COVID-19 and Workplace COVID-19 Risk Level and Selection of PPE (www.ehs.washington.edu)

Governor Inslee’s Healthy Washington requirements (coronavirus.wa.gov/what-you-need-know)

Public Health — Seattle & King County’s guidance on mask use (www.kingcountry.gov/masks)
Important Safety Tips for Wearing Face Masks

- Clean hands before & after touching MASK
- MASK should always cover nose and chin
- MASK should not hang on one ear, hang around neck or be pushed to forehead
- Wear inside facing you and metal piece pressed onto nose bridge
- Discard if MASK becomes wet or soiled
- Avoid Touching MASK
- Store MASK safely if planned for re-use during shift
- Remove & store MASK before eating and drinking
- Discard MASK when leaving building
- Store MASK safely if reusing

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