

Cloth Face Cover

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The CDC continues to study the spread and effects of the novel coronavirus across the United States. We now know from recent studies that a significant portion of individuals with coronavirus lack symptoms (“asymptomatic”) and that even those who eventually develop symptoms (“pre-symptomatic”) can transmit the virus to others before showing symptoms. This means that the virus can spread between people interacting in proximity such as speaking, coughing, or sneezing, even if those people who are not exhibiting symptoms. Because of this, the CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain. Many states and counties are already imposing requirements for retail, customers, and the general public to wear cloth face coverings over the mouth and nose. Many states are already imposing fines for those companies and individuals not following the social distancing and facial covering mandates. Please reach out to your local state and county websites along with the local news to keep up with the current requirements.

It is critical to emphasize that maintaining 6-foot social distancing and following our showroom layout for customer flow is very important for eliminating the spread of the virus. The cloth face coverings recommended from above are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators. Those are critical supplies that must continue to be reserved for healthcare workers and other medical first responders, as recommended by current CDC and government guidance. **There is a very limited supply within our organization if your store has no other means for facial coverings. These are no cost to the individual employee.**

It may be helpful to know that a cloth face covering consists of any cloth-type material that can be fashioned even from household items. The web link below will provide some helpful information on how to wear a mask and how you can make one from home or work using some common materials. If you scroll down to the bottom of the web site, there are some videos to help illustrate how to make them from t-shirts and bandannas. If you have some cool bandannas or other facial coverings used for fun or hunting and other sports, you can use them also. The primary purpose of a face covering at this point is to stop direct spray and droplets from a cough or sneeze from one person to the next.

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

In closing, if we use our training and continue to abide by our company and government guidance, we should come out of this in much better shape than if no measures of this type are taken. Periodically, refer to the bulletins and documents provided by our company and the local officials as reminders. Don’t let your guard down! Also, if you have some really cool coverings out there, send measley@4wp.com a copy to show in future messages.



Some Examples and Guidance on Care

STAY IN PLACE MAINTAIN YOUR SPACE COVER YOUR FACE

Covering Your Face Effectively Without Surgical Masks

- Washing your hands, physical distancing, and staying home are still the best ways to prevent the spread of COVID-19
- To ensure health care workers have access to commercial masks, use a homemade mask
- Should cover the mouth and nose
- Clean your face cover after every use or make a new one if not washable
- Do not share face covers

Links for DIY mask designs:

Vacuum Bag Mask:

<https://evacuumstore.com/p-34466-how-to-make-a-face-mask-from-a-vacuum-cleaner-bag.aspx>

T-Shirt Mask and Other Homemade Fabric Masks:

<https://www.goodmorningamerica.com/wellness/story/protect-face-coronavirus-easy-diy-face-covers-69929089>



Neck cowl or gaiter



Washable fabric face mask



DIY T-Shirt mask



Bandana



Ski or bike mask



Scarf



DIY vacuum cleaner bag mask



Stay home whenever possible!