FACE COVERINGS IN THE WORKPLACE
What You Should Know

Cloth face coverings are not considered PPE.

- A cloth face covering is intended to slow the spread of COVID-19.
- Cloth face coverings protect against large particles and respiratory droplets.
- Cloth face coverings cannot be used in place of N95 masks or other respirators because they do not provide adequate protection against exposure to small particles of airborne contaminants.

There are other options.

- When cloth face coverings are not appropriate in the workplace or while performing certain job tasks (e.g. they could become contaminated or exacerbate heat illness), employers can provide PPE such as face shields and/or surgical masks.

Cloth face coverings need to be maintained.

- Cloth face coverings should be cleaned or laundered every day if possible.
- Replace worn or damaged face coverings as necessary.

Continue to practice social distancing.

- Maintaining a minimum distance of six feet apart is key to creating a safe work environment for employees.
- Cloth face coverings should not be considered a replacement for social distancing.