

FACE MASKS THAT HELP TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF VIRUSES

CRITICAL UNDERSTANDING REQUIRED

Common face masks made from, cloth, paper, fiber, plastic or a combination of these materials will not protect you from contracting a virus. The great value of these types of face masks or face coverings is in the fact that they will help to PREVENT YOU from spreading germs and viruses to OTHERS!

On all CTDOT operations - When there is an essential or critical task that requires people to work within 6 feet of each other, all people involved are required to wear an appropriate face covering or mask to prevent the spread of COVID19 or other viruses.



KN95 Single Use Masks

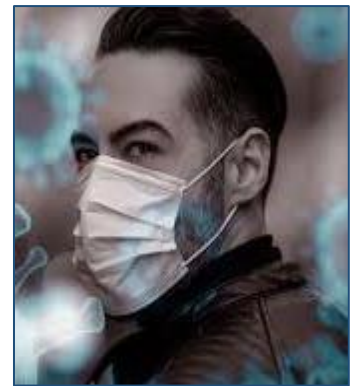
- KN95 Masks are not respirators and are not to be used under conditions where a respirator is required.
- KN95 Masks are considered single use, disposal masks and it is not recommended that they be washed and reused.
- KN95 Masks don't provide protection from the COVID 19 virus however, will help to prevent the spread of the virus to others.



Loose Fitting Surgical Style Masks

The term surgical style mask is currently being used to describe these types of masks. They come in many styles however, the majority currently available are not considered to be of medical quality.

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Cloth Masks Use, Care, Disinfection and Sanitization

- Employees should label their own mask with their name.
- Cloth Masks are NOT to be shared.
- Never leave a mask on any surface (such as table or truck seat)
- Always keep your mask in your pocket or on your person.
- These cloth masks are washable (hand or machine) and can be machine or air-dried.



- The accepted options for sanitizing cloth masks are limited. Referring to a paper published in the journal Annals of Occupational Hygiene in 2009, as referenced by livescience.com, they wrote, "70 C / 158 F heating in a kitchen-type of oven for 30 min, or hot water vapor from boiling water for 10 min, are additional effective decontamination methods." Care needs to be taken using any kind of disinfectant spray or bleach solution due to the potential of residual chemicals left on the mask.