

**COVID-19 Memo**

**Facemasks**

**April 7, 2020**

On April 3, the CDC recommended the wearing of cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain especially in areas of significant community-based transmission. Per CDC guidance, cloth face coverings fashioned from household items or made at home from common materials at low cost can be used as an additional, voluntary public health measure. As I noted in our memorandum dated April 2, 2020, COVID-19 is a fluid situation and we will attempt to make the most current information available to all our team members.

Please visit the CDC website for more information:

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

It is important to note that the use of facemasks is intended to complement the previous guidance from the CDC and our own policy:

If you are sick, stay home, contact your medical provider, and notify your supervisor if you have tested positive for COVID-19 or are exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms;

Clean your hands often, use hand sanitizer;

Practice social distancing techniques;

Cover coughs and sneezes; and

Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces often.

Thanks to everybody and your commitment to fighting the spread of this disease.

Sincerely,

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