



COVID-19 PROTOCOL – Cloth Versus Medical Mask Use

When to wear the following Personal Protective Equipment: Cloth mask, medical mask* and eye protection**

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| Within 2m distance of anyone doing <u>non-strenuous</u> activity <u>under 15 minutes</u> | Cloth mask |
| Within 2m distance of anyone doing <u>strenuous</u> activity <u>under 15 minute</u> | Cloth mask with eye protection** |
| Within 2m distance of anyone doing <u>non-strenuous</u> activity <u>over 15 minutes</u> | Medical mask* |
| Within 2m distance of anyone doing <u>strenuous</u> activity <u>over 15 minutes</u> | Medical mask* with eye protection** |
| Interaction with the public when staff is behind a physical barrier like Plexiglas | No PPE is required |

- Follow up with your Supervisor for any additional mask protocols that may be department specific.
- Always choose a medical mask* if there is potential for the mask to get wet easily as cloth masks are less water repellent.
- Please follow safe work procedures for respiratory protection for those job tasks that may expose you to airborne mist. Should the safe work procedure not specify respiratory protection but there is a potential of exposure to airborne mist wear a medical mask*.
- Do not wear two masks on top of each other, i.e. a cloth mask under medical mask* as there is no evidence to support that this is more effective than one mask that fits properly. If you are having issues with your mask staying in place or fitting please discuss with your Health and Safety Representative.
- If medical masks* become soiled, damaged or difficult to breathe through please discard and use a new mask. Please do try and preserve PPE supplies by properly storing your medical mask* in a paper bag/envelope.
- Employees seated at their desk or in a meeting room and who are 2m apart from others are not required to wear masks.
- Everyone is required to wear a mask while moving throughout any Delta facility. Please refer to the Delta Mask and Face Covering Policy for more information.

*surgical/procedural medical mask

** face shield or safety eye glasses