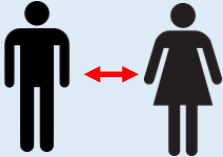

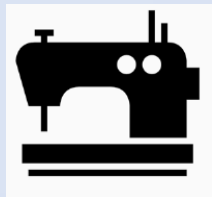




GUIDANCE ON THE USE OF CLOTH (SOCIAL COMFORT) MASKS

For employers and the public

<p>WHEN</p>		<p>CDC recommends wearing cloth masks in public settings where social distancing measures are difficult to maintain.</p>	<p><i>Grocery stores, pharmacies, and cashier lanes are examples of places where physical distancing can be difficult or unpredictable. Communities with high rates of spread should consider this addition to prevention strategies.</i></p>
<p>WHY</p>		<p>Some people with coronavirus aren't sick. Other can spread the virus before feeling sick.</p>	<p><i>Some people who aren't sick from a coronavirus infection can still spread it. Wearing a cloth mask isn't a substitute for keeping 6 feet between you and another person.</i></p>
<p>HOW</p>		<p>Sew a cloth mask from an approved pattern using recommended material.</p>	<p><i>Visit https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick-div-cloth-face-coverings.html to learn how to make a mask. Ask you employer if it's OK to wear a cloth mask while at work.</i></p>
<p>WHAT</p>		<p>Learn how to wear it and clean it regularly.</p>	<p><i>Be careful not to touch eyes, nose, or mouth when removing your mask. Wash your hands immediately after taking it off. Use a regular washing machine to clean your mask.</i></p>
<p>WHERE</p>		<p>Outdoors and in general businesses. Surgical masks and N95 respirators are for health care and EMS workers.</p>	<p><i>Cloth masks are intended for use by the general public. Health care and EMS employers may offer surgical masks to more of their workforce if supplies are good.</i></p>