



Myth:

**I've been vaccinated,
so I don't need to
wear a mask.**

Fact:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention continues to recommend that everyone - even those who have received two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine - wear masks and avoid close contact with others to help prevent the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19.

We need to understand more about the protection that COVID-19 vaccines provide under real-life conditions, how the virus is spreading in communities, and whether getting a COVID-19 vaccine will prevent you from spreading the virus to others, even if you don't get sick yourself.

While we learn more about the protection that COVID-19 vaccines provide, it is important for everyone to continue using all the tools available to help stop this pandemic.

Please adhere to these important reminders about masking in an office setting.

Everyone must wear a face mask upon entering an EEH facility.

- ▶ Cloth face masks are preferred and should be laundered daily and dried thoroughly prior to each use.
- ▶ When wearing your mask, ensure that it fully covers your nose and mouth.
- ▶ **If you are in a private office or workspace where you can consistently maintain at least six feet of separation from others, you can safely remove your mask.**
- ▶ Avoid touching your mask or face with unclean hands.
- ▶ If the mask becomes visibly soiled, saturated or damaged, replace it. Consider keeping a spare clean mask at your workspace.
- ▶ If you leave your private workspace for any reason, e.g., to use the restroom, go to the printer, or get something to eat or drink, you must wear your mask.
- ▶ You must wear your mask while interacting with others.
- ▶ When you remove and re-don your mask, do so cautiously to avoid contaminating your hands or face.
- ▶ If you notice anyone not adhering to the policy, kindly approach them or inform your manager.

Note: Universal masking is only one part of a larger strategy for preventing the transmission of COVID-19 in the workplace. Remember to practice other infection prevention strategies that include cleaning your hands frequently; not touching your face with dirty hands; regularly disinfecting frequently touched surfaces and shared equipment; maintaining social distancing; and not coming to work if you are sick.