Face Coverings in the Workplace

What You Should Know

**Cloth Face Coverings Are Not Considered PPE**
- A cloth face covering is intended to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- They cannot be used in place of N95s or other respirators because they do not provide adequate protection against exposure to airborne contaminants.

**There Are Other Options**
- Where cloth face masks are not appropriate in the workplace or during certain job tasks (e.g., because they could become contaminated or exacerbate heat illness), employers can provide PPE such as face shields and/or surgical masks.

**Employees Should Be Trained**
- Employees should be trained on the use and care of cloth face coverings.
- Show employees how to clean and maintain cloth face coverings, including replacing worn or damaged ones.

**Continue to Practice Social Distancing**
- Social distancing is key to safe work practices.
- Cloth face coverings are not a substitute for requiring social distancing in the workplace.