



Guidance on Cloth Face Coverings in Food Establishments During COVID-19 Outbreak

To reduce the spread of COVID-19 and comply with Governor Sisolak’s Executive Order, all staff in food establishments should wear non-hospital grade, cloth face coverings. Guidelines on how to make and wear a face covering can be found at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) web page [“Use of Cloth Face Coverings to Help Slow the Spread of COVID-19.”](#)

What is a cloth face covering?

A cloth face covering is fabric that covers the nose and mouth. It can be made of a variety of common items, such as T-shirt fabric, cotton sheets, bandana or other durable and breathable fabrics. It can be secured to the head with ties or straps or simply wrapped around to cover your nose and mouth. These coverings are not surgical masks or N95 respirators.



Why wear a cloth face covering?

People may not know that they have the coronavirus, so the use of a cloth face covering may prevent the spread of the virus to others. This recommendation complements and does not replace social distancing, increased hand washing and staying home when sick.



Everyone working should wear cloth face coverings, especially where social distancing measures are difficult to maintain and when employees are interacting with customers.

How to wear a cloth face covering?

Cloth face coverings should—

- Fit snug and comfortable over mouth and nose
- Allow for breathing without restriction
- Be secured with ties or ear loops
- Be machine washable and dried



If you touch the cloth face covering while wearing it, wash your hands immediately.

How to remove the cloth face covering?

- Be careful not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth
- Wash your hands immediately after removing the face covering and before touching anything else

How to care for a cloth face covering?

According to the CDC, machine-washing is enough to clean your cloth face covering. You should wash it regularly, or after each time you wear it. If you do not have immediate access to laundry, it is reasonable to wait until the cloth face covering is visibly soiled to wash it. Store the clean cloth face coverings separate from the dirty coverings.

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