

Workplace Masks / Face Coverings Now Mandatory

as of 4/20/2020

The state Department of Economic and Community Development last night (April 17, 2020) made significant revisions to mandatory rules [outlining additional protective measures](#) that every workplace in Connecticut deemed essential—and any other business or nonprofit allowed to remain open—must follow.

Beginning 8 pm Monday, April 20, all employees must wear a face mask or face cloth covering at all times in the workplace.

Employers are required to issue masks or cloth face coverings to employees. If that is not possible because of shortages or supply chain difficulties, employers must provide materials—or compensate employees for the cost—to make their own and share the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [guidelines for making cloth face coverings](#).

Masks or face coverings are not required if wearing one compromises the health or safety of an employee because of a medical condition. An employee is not required to produce medical documentation in such a case.

Customers must also wear cloth face coverings while on premises. Businesses may provide face coverings to customers and visitors. The medical exemption applies for customers, with additional guidance for children.

The state also revised its [rules for Connecticut retail stores](#), and now requires masks or face coverings for employees and customers.

For more information, please go to the CBIA website.

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