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Face Coverings

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) is recommending all persons to wear a cloth face covering if they must leave their home or report to work for essential operations. A few examples include:

- Shopping at essential businesses, such as grocery stores or pharmacies
- Picking up food from a drive thru or curbside pickup
- Visiting your health care provider
- Interacting with customers, clients, or coworkers at essential businesses

Dubois County Health Department, with support of Dubois County Commissioners, is strongly recommending essential retail and grocery stores to have employees wear cloth face coverings and also consider restricting entry of customers not wearing cloth face coverings. Essential businesses must urge their employees to wear cloth face coverings while working in a community setting. We encourage employees to take any concerns to the company Human Resource Director. Employees and concerned citizens can file an anonymous formal complaint with the Department of Labor at this link <https://www.in.gov/dol/3144.htm>.

Wearing a cloth face covering is done to protect those around you if you are infected, but do not yet show symptoms of COVID-19. When you wear a cloth face covering, make sure you can easily breathe through it and that it covers your nose AND mouth. Also wash after each use.

The Dubois County Health Department is reminding ALL that cloth face coverings are NOT a substitute for social distancing and should not encourage a false sense of security to leave home. Social distancing, staying at least 6 feet away, is still needed. Face coverings are effective only when used in combination with frequent hand-cleaning with alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water.

“We all need to assume that every person you encounter is potentially spreading this virus,” said Dr. Ted Waflart, Dubois County Health Officer.

We want to make sure ALL measures are being implemented in keeping our community members safe. **STAY HOME, PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING AND GOOD HAND HYGEINE. #INthistgether**

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