

TOUGHER TOGETHER

Masks are everyone's duty

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Over recent months, we've all had to make adjustments to our lives to stay safe and healthy. From increased handwashing to spending more time at home, these measures have helped to flatten the curve of COVID-19.

One factor that has become second nature to most of us is the use of masks, both in the workplace and when performing life-sustaining activities. Science has shown that wearing masks significantly cuts down the spread of COVID-19. By wearing our masks, we are tougher together against this disease.

At work, there are specific requirements for wearing masks. Masks:

- Must be worn when entering and exiting a building.
- Must be worn in common areas such as break rooms, restrooms and elevators.
- Must always be worn around others, even if social distancing is maintained.
- Must be worn when conducting business at the worksites of other entities.
- May be removed when an employee is alone at a workstation, unless the employee is less than six feet away from another co-worker or interacts with the public.
- May be removed to eat or drink during breaks and lunch periods, however, at those times, social distancing should be practiced.

Remember my mask protects you, and your mask protects me. Together we can work to remain safe and healthy. For more information, visit www.oa.pa.gov/returningtowork.