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To: All Employees

From: Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator

Subject: COVID-19 – Update, Face Coverings

As we learn more about the spread of COVID-19 public health authorities have updated their recommendation regarding the wearing of face coverings (masks). This past Friday, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommended that Americans wear cloth face coverings (masks) in public to help slow the spread of COVID-19.

Columbus Public Health and Franklin County Public Health recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies), although social distancing should always continue to be attempted. The use of simple cloth face coverings to slow the spread of the virus and help people who may have the virus and do not know it from transmitting it to others. Cloth face coverings made from household items or made at home from common materials at low cost can be used as an additional, voluntary public health measure. The cloth face coverings recommended are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators. Medical grade PPE (surgical masks and N95 respirators) are to be worn only by healthcare professionals and first responders.

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As you have seen, sanitized and certified face coverings are in short supply. County Administration is developing a distribution matrix in the coming days that will be used as we procure limited supplies over time. The links below will provide you with additional guidance regarding face coverings, and instructions on how to make your own face covering.

<https://covid-19.myfcph.org/resources/>

<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/checklists/english-checklists/cloth-face-coverings-covid-19-checklist>

As we continue to fight the spread of COVID-19 Please remember the following:

- If you don't feel well stay at home
- Practice social distancing at work and in public
- Practice good cough and sneeze etiquette
- Wash your hands
- Wear a cloth face covering

Thank you for your continued efforts for the residents of Franklin County during this ongoing medical crisis.