

# CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) COMMUNICATIONS



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## Austal Face Covering Update

As we have said many times, we are all in this together. This is our community, our workplace and our families. Our primary objective is to keep everyone safe and healthy through this pandemic. Our original decision to ban neck gaiters was made with the same objective in mind.

In consideration of your feedback and what is best for the health and safety of others, Austal has worked with vendors to find a solution that will improve your PPE. Going forward neck gaiters will be allowed as a face covering again, but they must be double layered. Austal has worked with suppliers to double layer the Austal gaiters distributed previously. The new double layer gaiters will be distributed starting today. If you need a double layer neck gaiter, please ask your supervisor.

Neck gaiters can be susceptible to wear and tear when washed. They must be exchanged if they become too thin or damaged. Double layer neck gaiters are now available, so if you need a replacement please just ask your supervisor.

To view a Safety Gram on updated mask requirements, [please click here](#).

We all have a personal responsibility to maintain a safe and healthy work environment. Do not let pandemic fatigue prevent you from keeping yourself and those around you safe.

## Pandemic policies and procedures continue to be in effect

As a reminder:

- Wear proper face coverings at all times in accordance with Austal policy
- Do not come to work if you are sick
- Distance at all times (including break times) when the job does not require work within 6 feet
- Report personal or family illnesses or exposure to COVID-19 to Medical at 251-445-8585 or [Covid\\_19\\_medical@austalusa.com](mailto:Covid_19_medical@austalusa.com)
- Wash hands and disinfect personal items and shared tools

The choices we make affect others. Through our combined team efforts, we will get through this challenge and minimize the impact on each one of us and our families. Thank you for your cooperative compliance.

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