

“Safety Gram”

“Effective Immediately”

In compliance with CDC guidance, Austal's face covering policy is being amended. This change is effective for all Austal USA campuses and places of business.

- Clear face shields (alone) **will no longer be allowed**
- Neck gaiters of any type (alone) **will no longer be allowed** Gaiters are most susceptible to wear and tear when washed. Even though they can be doubled, they are no longer allowed as face coverings alone. They can be paired with another type of mask or face shield
- Single layer masks (alone) **will no longer be allowed**
- Masks with exhalation valves **must have valves covered**

“What is Allowed”

- 1. KN95 mask (no valve)
 - 2. Surgical mask
 - 3. Double layer cloth masks (see below for CDC guidance)
 - 4. Any single layer face covering can be worn when worn with a face shield
- ✓ N95 and P100 respirators should be reserved for jobs which require respirators. The CDC asks such masks be conserved for healthcare workers
- ✓ If a respirator with a valve is being used for a job requiring an enhanced face covering, the valve must be covered with a surgical mask

Cleaning Your Face Coverings

- In a sink with hot water wash them for one minute or more with anti bacterial soap and hang dry or use dryer, or
- Place them in a washing machine and wash on a hot setting then place them in the dryer and dry completely
- Cloth face coverings should only be placed into sealed plastic bags when they are completely dry
- Replace your face covering if after washing it, it has an unpleasant smell or it becomes damaged

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CDC Face Covering Guidance

Recommended	Not Recommended
 <p data-bbox="391 514 711 541">Non-medical disposable masks</p>	 <p data-bbox="1047 514 1417 573">Masks that do not fit properly (large gaps, too loose or too tight)</p>
 <p data-bbox="391 657 784 751">Masks that fit properly (snugly around the nose and chin with no large gaps around the sides of the face)</p>	 <p data-bbox="1047 657 1417 751">Masks made from materials that are hard to breathe through (such as plastic or leather)</p>
 <p data-bbox="391 804 756 863">Masks made with breathable fabric (such as cotton)</p>	 <p data-bbox="1047 804 1450 898">Masks made from loosely woven fabric or that are knitted, i.e., fabrics that let light pass through</p>
 <p data-bbox="391 951 781 1066">Masks made with tightly woven fabric (i.e., fabrics that do not let light pass through when held up to a light source)</p>	 <p data-bbox="1047 951 1263 978">Masks with one layer</p>
 <p data-bbox="391 1119 711 1146">Masks with two or three layers</p>	 <p data-bbox="1047 1098 1433 1125">Masks with exhalation valves or vents</p>
 <p data-bbox="391 1266 711 1293">Masks with inner filter pockets</p>	 <p data-bbox="1047 1245 1417 1272">Wearing a scarf/ski mask as a mask</p>

- **Face coverings are not a substitute for social distancing**
- **Please reference SUP310 Personal Protective Equipment policy for more information on Austal USA face covering requirements**
- **If you need a new face covering, ask your supervisor**