

Safe Work Practice

SWP # 2

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The following safe work practice is generic, and may not apply to all forms of face masks being used during times of infectious diseases. This SWP has been created for employees who wish to use a non-medical mask. This information has been prepared by the Nurse Manager, SMU Health Services. The owner's manual/operating guidelines, etc., for different types of masks must be reviewed and followed for the specific mask you may be using. All other directives identified by the NS Department of Health and Wellness, such as social distancing, must be followed. Masks must be worn in common areas, such as hallways and bathrooms.

- DO check to make sure mask and face protection has no defects, such as tear or torn strap or ear loop.
- DO ensure mask covers your mouth & nose.
- DO remove mask correctly- pull away from face in downward motion.
- DO dispose of mask into waste receptacle by touching only ear loops or ties. (Please note that cloth masks are re-usable. They should be laundered after each shift.)
- DO perform hand hygiene before and after removing mask & face protection.**
 - new mask.
 - around your neck.

