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KN95 MASK UPDATE

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COVID-19 Risks at Work

Our contact tracing analysis has determined that working closely onsite is the number one COVID-19 risk for Mercury team members. With this in mind, and in an effort to further reduce transmission of virus particles within our sites, **we strongly encourage usage of KN95 masks at all Mercury sites, especially where team members work closely together.**



Guidance on Using KN95 Masks

- As a reminder, KN95 masks are not intended to be a substitute for other preventative measures, such as:
 - frequent hand washing.
 - social distancing.
 - avoiding touching eyes, nose and mouth.
 - staying home when sick.
- Mercury will make KN95 masks accessible to all team members working onsite.
- KN95 masks are not mandated to be worn; however they are strongly recommended especially when team members are unable to maintain social distancing during the normal course of their work.

Mask Usage Best Practice

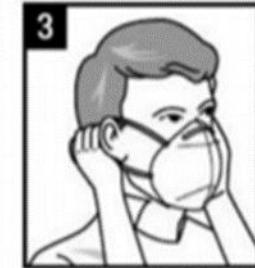
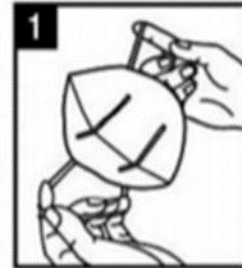
Masks should not create additional hazards to team members, such as restricting breathing or creating entanglement hazards with straps.

Please follow the following guidelines when wearing a mask at work:

- **Clean your hands:** Always clean your hands with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer (that contains at least 60% alcohol) immediately prior to putting on or removing a mask.
- **Limit touching your mask:** When putting on or removing a mask, use the ear loops, straps, or equivalent and try to avoid touching the front/back of the mask.
- **Mask storage:** Masks should be stored flat and on a clean surface when not in use, and should be disposed of based on the guidance below.
- **Caring for masks:** Do your best to reasonably conserve and reuse KN95 masks. When properly cared for, KN95 masks are generally expected to last up to one week. (Site-specific safety requirements, such as job hazard assessments, work instructions or safety data sheets, may require higher frequency of mask usage.)
- **Mask disposal:** A mask should be disposed of when it 1) no longer covers the mouth and nose; 2) is visibly dirty and cannot be cleaned; 3) cannot stay on the face; or 4) has holes or tears in the fabric.

How to Put on and Check a KN95 mask

- 1) With the nosepiece facing away from you, hold the ear loop straps in each hand with the nosepiece up.
- 2) Position the mask under the chin.
- 3) Pull each strap over the ear; adjust straps to make the mask as comfortable as possible.
- 4) Place your fingertips at the top of the metal nosepiece and mold it to the shape of your nose bridge by pushing inwards while moving your fingers down both sides.
- 5) Check the seal of the mask by covering the front of the mask with both hands, being careful not to disturb the position of the mask and exhale sharply. If air leaks out around the nose bridge, readjust the nosepiece and repeat step 4.



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