In an effort to keep everyone up with the most current/recent information and share in a timely fashion here is the latest update from CDC regarding masks.

On Friday, the US CDC updated guidance regarding the use of masks among the general public. Based on data collected over the course of the pandemic, the CDC now “recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies) especially in areas of significant community-based transmission.” The new guidance is based on the current understanding that individuals with no symptoms or mild symptoms can transmit SARS-CoV-2 to others, so wearing a mask could reduce that risk. The mask use aims to trap droplets expelled by the mask wearer in order to reduce the amount of virus potentially released into the environment. The CDC emphasizes that respirators and surgical masks should be reserved for healthcare personnel and that wearing a mask does not replace existing social distancing guidance. If you do not have a mask you may use a scarf or bandana until one is available.

Please be aware that if you do wear a mask when working with your consumers, please make sure you are either bagging it and labeling it with your name and leaving at the consumers home, or if a cloth one and you remove from home you are washing and disinfecting as recommended.

Any questions please feel free to call GSIL, call 2-1-1, or reach out to consumer’s coordinator.

All this information and guidance does not replace the original message:

- Practice good hand hygiene
- Practice respiratory etiquette
- Practice social distancing

And if you do not have to go out, follow the stay at home order issued through 5/4/2020.

Thank You

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