



COVID-19 SAFETY REQUIREMENTS IN AGRICULTURE:

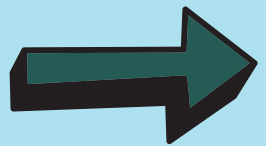


WHICH MASK FOR WHICH TASK?

General guidance to help you understand which mask is required for different work tasks to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in agriculture.



Source: WA State Department of Labor & Industries





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CLOTH FACE COVERINGS, MASKS & RESPIRATORS



Employers are required to provide masks & respirators to workers at no cost & workers are required to wear them as instructed by their employer.

Cloth Face Covering



RISK LEVEL
VERY LOW TO LOW



CLOTH FACE COVERING

- Reusable
- Multi-layer fabric
- Wash after each use

✓ WORK TASKS

- Harvesting fruit (6ft+ distance)
- Servicing machinery alone
- Working in an office alone

Disposable Masks



RISK LEVEL
MEDIUM



SURGICAL MASK

KN95 MASK

- Disposable. Do not wash.
- Replace throughout the day if the mask becomes wet or dirty.
- Replace daily

✓ WORK TASKS

- Lifting boxes in a warehouse while mostly 6ft+ from others
- Traveling in a car with one other person for less than 1 hour

Respirators



RISK LEVEL
HIGH TO VERY HIGH



N-95 RESPIRATOR

- Disposable. Do not wash.
- Don't reuse if wet or dirty.
- Requires fit-testing & shaven face



HALF-FACE RESPIRATOR

- Reusable
- Half-face or full-face.
- Requires fit-testing & shaven face.
- Clean, sanitize & store.

Respirators use must follow
WA Safety Standards for Respirators
visit: <http://bit.ly/WAC-296-842>

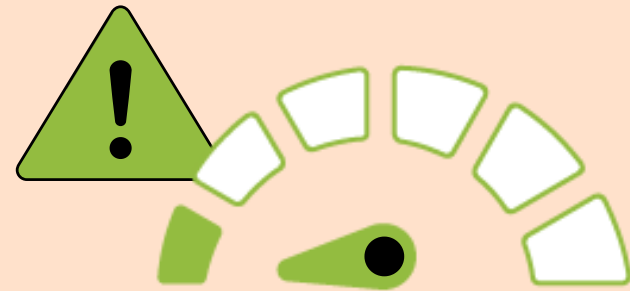
✓ WORK TASKS

- Working with a crew in a confined space
- Transporting workers who might have COVID-19
- Cleaning & disinfecting spaces where sick workers have been

Disclaimer: This resource is for general purposes only. Mask selection also requires considering length of work tasks, distance from others, & use of ventilation or physical barriers. For more guidance, visit: <https://bit.ly/WA-LNI-Which-Mask>



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VERY LOW-RISK TASKS

- Driving a tractor while in an enclosed cab.
- Driving a tractor alone to irrigate a field.



NO MASK REQUIRED

However, keep a mask nearby in case you come within 6ft of others.

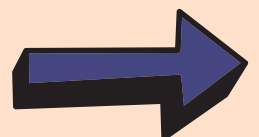


Pesticide Use

If you are applying pesticides be sure to wear the respirator and PPE required by the label.

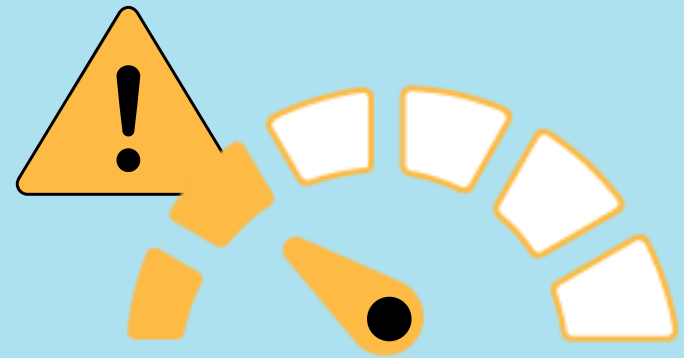


In most cases, work tasks are considered very low risk if when you work alone & rarely come within 6 ft (2m) of others.





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LOW-RISK TASKS

- Harvesting fruit outdoors while maintaining 6ft distance from others.
- Servicing farm machinery alone.
- Working alone in the office.



REQUIRED MASK

Cloth face covering

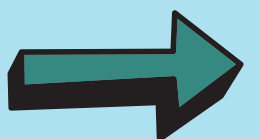


In most cases, work tasks are considered low risk if you:

- Work around others while maintaining 6ft (2m) distance.
- Only come within 6ft (2m) of others briefly a few times a day.

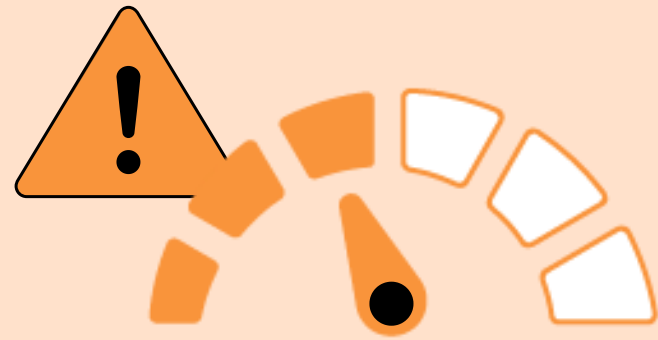


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MEDIUM-RISK TASKS

- Lifting boxes in a warehouse while mostly 6ft+ from others.
- Traveling in a vehicle with one other person for less than an hour while maintaining 6ft distance.

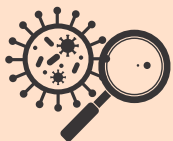
✓ REQUIRED MASK

- Surgical-style masks
- KN95 mask
- Hobby dust masks
- Other disposable masks



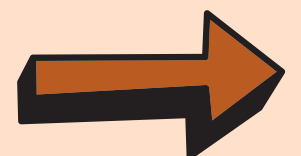
Traveling in Vehicles with Others

Travel in vehicles can be considered high risk if passengers cannot maintain 6ft distance & travel for more than an hour.



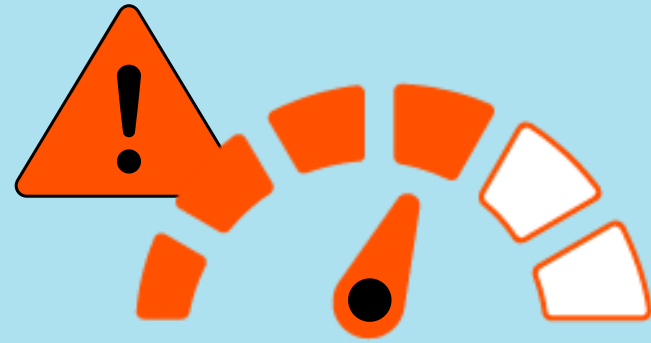
In most cases, work tasks are considered medium risk if you:

- Work near others mostly maintaining 6ft distance.
- Only come within 6ft of others several times a day for a few minutes.





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HIGH-RISK TASKS

- Packing products on a line within 3ft of others.
- Transporting workers who might have COVID-19.
- Cleaning & disinfecting spaces where sick workers have been.

✓ REQUIRED RESPIRATORS

- N95 filtering face piece
- Elastomeric half-face piece with HEPA filter
- Loose fitting PAPR with particulate HEPA filter
- Fit-tested foreign-approved respirators (such as KN95 masks)
- Must follow WA requirements for respirators: WAC-296-842



**WA Safety Standards
for Respirators**

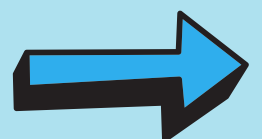
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In most cases, work tasks are considered high risk when you work within 3ft of others for more than 10 minutes in an hour multiple times a day. This applies for people that are healthy and have no symptoms.

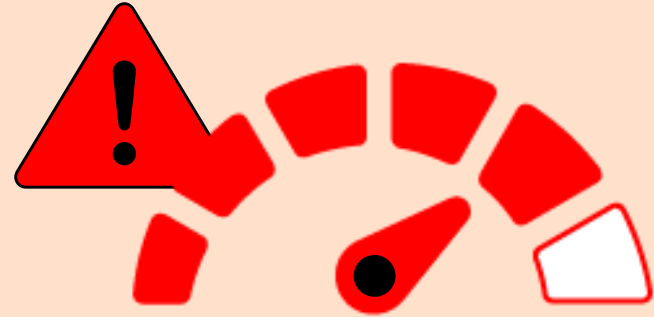


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VERY HIGH-RISK TASKS

- Transporting workers who are sick with COVID-19.
- Caring for workers who are sick with COVID-19.

✓ REQUIRED RESPIRATORS

- NIOSH-approved N95 half or full facepiece elastomeric respirator with HEPA cartridges.
- NIOSH-approved PAPR (powered air purifying respirator) with particulate cartridges.
- FDA-approved surgical mask with face shield for eye protection (not safety glasses alone).
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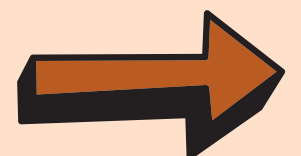
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In most cases, work tasks are considered very high risk when you have direct contact with a person known or suspected to have COVID-19 even if they do not have symptoms.



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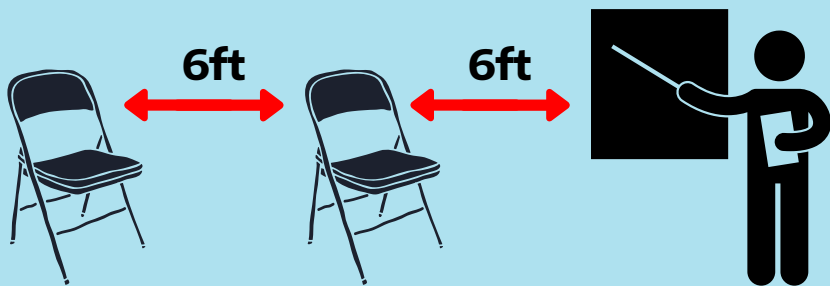




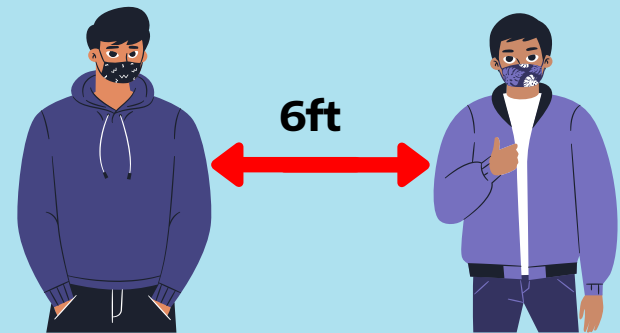
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Remember to follow all the workplace requirements for COVID-19 safety:

✓ COVID-19 Safety Training



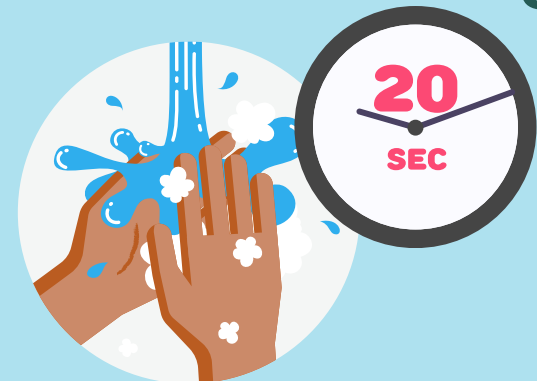
✓ Maintain 6ft Physical Distance



✓ Frequent Cleaning



✓ Frequent Hand washing



✓ Personal Protective Equipment

Employers will provide these for you at no cost.




✓ COVID-19 Response Plan



RESOURCES

WA Agricultural COVID-19 Requirements Toolkit, <https://bit.ly/WA-LNI-Ag-COVID-Toolkit>, WA State Department of Labor & Industries

 Consultation, Visit: <https://bit.ly/WA-LNI-Consultation>

 Complaints, Call: 1-800-423-7233, Press 2, then Press 2

Which Mask for Which Task? <https://bit.ly/WA-LNI-Which-Mask>, WA State Department of Labor & Industries

eTool Selection Guide for Face Coverings, Masks & Respirators,
<http://bit.ly/LNI-eTool-Face-Mask>, WA Department of Labor & Industries

**Directive 11.80, Fit-Testing, Respiratory Protection during COVID-19
Pandemic**, <http://bit.ly/WA-DOSH-Directive-1180>, WA Department of Labor & Industries

Use of Respirators, Facemasks, and Cloth Face Coverings in Agriculture,
<http://bit.ly/FDA-COVID-Masks-Ag>, US Food & Drug Administration

How to Select, Clean, & Wear your Mask, <http://bit.ly/CDC-Mask-Selection-Guidance>, US Centers for Disease Control & Prevention

Response to COVID-19, <https://bit.ly/pnash-covid>, Pacific Northwest Agricultural Safety & Health Center

