# Coronavirus: How to work safely

Prepare and stay safe before work



### **Prepare**

#### **Work clothes**

- Choose simple clothing (like t-shirt and pants that can easily be washed when you get home) and closed work shoes.
- Avoid wearing a belt, jewellery, watches.
- Obtain 2-5 cloth masks as you need a clean, dry one each day. Carry a clean spare.



- If unwell, stay at home.
- Report any symptoms (like cough, fever/ chills, sore throat, body aches, loss of smell or loss of taste or shortness of breath) to your supervisor before you come to work.
- Phone your health care practitioner or Provincial hotline on 021-928 4102 for advice on further assessment and testing.



Phone, wallet and keys
Carry only essentials
(like access card,
bank card).

# On the way to work

- Cover your nose and mouth all the time. Avoid touching your face. If you do, clean your hands immediately.
- Never share a mask with another person.

#### **Food and drink**

Bring lunch from home in reusable fabric shopping bag. Use own water bottle, avoid water coolers.



1,5 metres apart from others.



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### When you arrive at work

Clean hands well for at least 20 seconds as you arrive.



Rub palms together.



Rub tips of nails against palm. Swap hands.



Rub fingers between each other.



Place one hand over back of other, rub between fingers.
Swap hands.



Grip fingers and rub together.



Rub each thumb with opposite palm. Swap hands.

Expect to be asked about common symptoms of COVID-19. Your temperature may be checked.



Avoid hugging, kissing, shaking hands, high fives.





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Provincial Hotline: **021 928 4102** 





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## At work and taking breaks

#### When at work

Pay attention to your physical environment so that you can maximise space between people.

- In shops, keep aisles clear to avoid congestion.
- In offices, space desks apart.
- In factories, put as much space between work stations as possible.

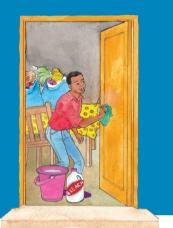


#### Wear masks and visors correctly.

· Cover mouth and nose all the time with cloth mask and avoid tilting visors up. These are ineffective if worn incorrectly.

• Avoid touching/fiddling with the mask. If you do, wash hands immediately.

Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces (like cell phones, countertops, doorknobs, light switches, key pads, tables, chairs, toilets, taps, sinks) as often as possible using a diluted bleach solution (6 teaspoons per 1L of water).



Wash hands well for at least 20 seconds frequently.



diluted bleach solution before

surface on which it was stored.

putting on again. Disinfect

If wearing a visor,

remove without

designated area.

Wipe clean with

touching

the outside

and store in



### When taking breaks

- Stagger breaks to avoid crowded tearooms. Take break outside if possible.
- Keep 1,5m apart from co-workers.

If wearing a mask and need to eat/drink: carefully remove, without touching the outside, and store in container or bag labelled with your name.

**Avoid sharing** towels in bathroom. **Use paper** towel.

Try to bring lunch from home in reusable fabric shopping bag that can be washed daily. Use own water bottle, avoid water coolers.



Always wash hands well before eating or drinking.



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# Coronavirus: How to work safely

Leaving work, arriving home and your mental health

### When you leave work



Wash hands before leaving.



Wear mask properly on way home.

Keep hand sanitiser in bag and use to clean hands after touching public surfaces.

### On arriving home





• As you come in, remove cloth mask without touching the outside.

- Then remove work clothes.
- Put straight into a hot wash or bucket with hot water and soap, along with reusable fabric shopping bag used for lunch.



#### **5 Golden Rules**

- 1. Wash hands
- 2. Don't touch face
- 3. Keep apart
- 4. Cover your cough
- 5. Sick? Stay home



Thoroughly wash hands and arms as soon as you enter your home.



 Avoid hugs, kisses and direct contact with family members until after shower/bath/wash.



## Look after your mental health

- Talk to family and friends and take time to relax.
- Exercise regularly.
- Limit alcohol and avoid drugs.





Mental health helpline - counselling and support for mental health problems or substance misuse 0800 12 13 14 (24 hour helpline).



Dry cloth mask and work clothes in the sun (or tumble dryer if you have one) and iron to disinfect.



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