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Sawyer County COVID-19 Screening and Masking Guidance

******7/31/2020: Follow RED masking guidance******

This guidance applies to all Sawyer County employees while on Sawyer County property or working on behalf of Sawyer County.

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Status: **RED**

ALL EMPLOYEES

Sawyer County employees must continue to self-screen for COVID-19 related symptoms. Ask yourself the following questions:

- Do I have a fever* (100.4°F or higher), or a sense of having a fever (e.g. chills, body aches)?
- Do I have a new or worsening cough that you cannot attribute to another health condition?
- Do I have new or worsening shortness of breath that you cannot attribute to another health condition?
- Do I have a sore throat that you cannot attribute to another health condition?
- Do I have a headache that you cannot attribute to another health condition?
- Do I have a loss or change in your sense of smell or taste?
- Do I have nausea, vomiting or diarrhea that you cannot attribute to another health condition?
- Do you have nasal congestion that is not attributed to allergies?

* Daily temperatures are not required, it is more a question of feeling like you have a fever. If you do have a thermometer then you can take a temperature if you are feeling achy or have chills. If you don't have a thermometer, you will just go with the symptom of feeling feverish.

If you answer "YES" to any of the questions do NOT go to work.

1. Follow your work procedures for reporting illness.
2. It is time to self-isolate.
3. Stay home and separate yourself from others in your household.
4. Clean high touch (e.g. door knobs, light switches) surfaces frequently.
5. Wear a mask when close to others in your household.
6. Call the Sawyer County COVID-19 Screening Hotline 715-934-4518 between the hours of 9:00am – 4:00pm for over the phone screening. They will determine if you should be tested for COVID-19 and schedule an appointment for you.
7. Follow guidance given by the healthcare provider.

MASKING GUIDANCE

All employees are required to follow guidance below unless there is more specific written guidance related to their line of work or building (i.e. EMS, law enforcement, jail).

Masking guidance will be indicated through a red, yellow or green levels which will be determined by the Sawyer County Public Health Officer using surveillance data as a guide.

Green Level – Low Community Spread

Inside work: masks are required when working with an individual where you are unable to keep a 6-foot while conducting business or when entering someone else's office/cubicle space, entering restrooms or copy rooms (think of sharing a small space with someone else for a period of time as a time when a mask should be worn).

Masks are not required when passing through the halls.

Outside work: masks are not required when working outdoors. Do your best to keep a 6-foot distance.

Traveling in vehicles: Limit to two person per vehicle. If sharing a vehicle masks must be worn. Exception for highway: if traveling just a short distance down the road to next task masks are not required.

Yellow Level – Increased Incidence of Transmission

Inside work: masks are required when working with an individual where you are unable to keep a 6-foot while conducting business or when entering someone else's office/cubicle space, entering restrooms or copy rooms (think of sharing a small space with someone else for a period of time as a time when a mask should be worn).

Masks **are** required when passing through the halls.

Outside work: masks **are** required when not able to keep a 6-foot distance.

Traveling in vehicles: Limit to two person per vehicle. If sharing a vehicle masks must be worn.

Red Level – Widespread Incidence of Transmission

Inside work: masks are required if you are in a room with another person, even if you are able to maintain physical distancing of six feet or there is sneeze guard in place.

For examples:

1. Any employee staffing a counter where the public comes in, will need to wear a mask at all times.
2. If you work in an area that has more than one person in the room, you will need to wear a mask at all times.

3. If you are in a meeting no matter the ability to physical distance, you will need to wear a mask at all times.
4. If you are in a vehicle with another person, you still need to wear a mask at all times.
5. If you are in an office by yourself, you **do not** need to wear a mask.

Masks **are** required when passing through the halls.

Masks are required to be worn by the public and signs will be posted. Some people are not able to wear a mask due to health conditions. If you encounter someone from the public who is not wearing a mask you may ask them if they would like a mask but do force them to wear it or refuse service.

Outside work: masks **are** required when not able to keep a 6-foot distance.

1. If you are working outside and the public is allowed to gather in that area, you will need to wear a mask at all times.
2. If you are working outside and the public is not allowed to gather, but you cannot physical distance (more than six feet), you will need to wear a mask at all times. (Exception: highway working with tar poses a sanitation issue with the mask when taking masks on and off. Masks are not required when doing this type of highway work).
3. If you are working outside and the public is not allowed to gather, and you **can** physical distance (more than six feet), you **do not** need to wear a mask.

Traveling in vehicles: Limit to two person per vehicle but preferably travel alone. If sharing a vehicle masks must be worn at all times.