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## CONNECTICUT FURTHER REVISES "SAFE WORK-PLACE RULES FOR ESSENTIAL EMPLOYERS," REQUIRING ALL EMPLOYEES TO WEAR FACE MASKS OR FACE COVERINGS AT ALL TIMES

On April 17, 2020, the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development materially revised its previously issued "**Safe Workplace Rules for Essential Employers**." Now, **all** employees working at **every** workplace that remains open during the COVID-19 pandemic must wear a face mask or face cloth covering **at all times**.

Employers are required to provide masks or face coverings to employees and, if infeasible because of supply-chain shortages, employers must provide materials for employees to make their own masks or face coverings. Employers must provide these materials, along with the Centers for Disease Control **tutorial** showing how to make masks and face coverings or, alternatively, compensate employees for reasonable and necessary costs to make their own masks and face coverings.

The new requirements do not apply to employees whose health or safety would be negatively impacted by wearing a mask or face covering due to a medical condition. And employees are not required to produce medical documentation to verify the stated condition.

We will continue to monitor Connecticut-specific and other COVID-19 developments that impact workplace health and safety issues. Should you have questions regarding the above, please contact **Mike Miller** directly.

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