



KEEPING YOU SAFE & INFORMED

CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores, retail, and pharmacies), to slow the spread of the virus. *The cloth face coverings recommended are not surgical masks or N-95 mask/respirators.* Those are critical supplies that must continue to be reserved for healthcare workers and other medical first responders, as recommended by current CDC guidance.

The Iowa DOT (DOT) continues to update the hazard assessment of the COVID-19 virus in our workplace. Following CDC and OSHA recommendations, we have formatted a plan for PPE use within the department. To help determine appropriate precautions, the DOT is following the guidance developed by OSHA for hazard recognition of COVID-19 in the workplace, using OSHA classifications of worker exposure.

OSHA has divided job tasks into four risk exposure levels. The Iowa DOT has employees in the High, Medium and Lower risk levels. <https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/covid-19/hazardrecognition.html>

Various types of PPE will be available based on OSHA standards while maintaining CDC guidance.

High-Risk Category: Items will be first reserved for Motor Vehicle Officers who are interacting with the public as a medical first responder.

N95 masks, Tyvek Suit, Gloves, Eye Protection, Face Shields

High Risk Category- potential for exposure to known or suspected sources of COVID-19.

Maintenance workers will continue to use N95 masks for hazardous particle reduction use (example silica dust reduction) as supplies are available.

Medium Risk Category: Items will be first reserved for our Driver and Identification Service Center workers. As a public facing operation having interactions occurring with the public daily.

Surgical Masks, Gloves, Eye Protection, Face Shields

Medium risk category - frequent contact with travelers who return from international locations with widespread COVID-19 transmission. Those who may have frequent contact with the general public and cannot maintain the proper social distancing recommendation of 6 foot.

Lower Risk Category: Items use suggested for the remainder of our workforce when social distancing cannot be maintained.

Cloth Mask

Gloves (used for sanitizing)

Lower risk - have minimal occupational contact with the public and other coworkers and can maintain the social distancing recommendations.