**DCM Cloth Mask (Facial Covering) Guidance** 05/09/20

Mask (facial covering) care:

* Wash hands before you put the mask on and after you remove the mask. Do not touch the mask once it is on your face without washing your hands before and after.
* Designate one or more masks to ***only*** wear in the animal facility. Wear a different mask for your commute and other activities outside the animal facilities.
* Remove your mask when you leave the animal facility and place it in a disposable bag to avoid taking allergens to public areas.
* Wash your mask in soap and hot water every day after use. Dry it in a dryer on a high-heat setting.

Remember:

* Wearing a cloth mask does ***not***take place of physical distancing.
  + 6 feet of separation between people at all times
  + Stay home if you are sick
* Cloth masks and facial coverings are ***not*** considered personal protective equipment.
* Wearing a cloth facial covering is ***required***.
  + Please see recommendations from CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>
  + From EH&S: <https://www.ehs.washington.edu/system/files/resources/facemask-guidance-COVID-19.pdf>