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Governor Cuomo Orders Employers to Provide Essential Workers with Masks

Governor Cuomo has issued an Executive Order directing employers to provide essential workers with masks, free of charge, to wear when directly interacting with the public. The hope is to prevent those who have the virus, but no symptoms, from infecting others.

The order, which takes effect Wednesday evening, states:

*"For all essential businesses or entities, any employees who are present in the workplace shall be provided and shall wear face coverings when in direct contact with customers or members of the public. Businesses must provide, at their expense, such face coverings for their employees. This provision may be enforced by local governments or local law enforcement as if it were an order pursuant to section 12 or 12-b of the Public Health Law. **This requirement shall be effective Wednesday, April 15 at 8 p.m.**"*



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has issued the following guidance on Decontamination and Reuse of Filtering Facepiece Respirators (FFRs). Decontamination and subsequent reuse of FFRs should only be practiced as a crisis capacity strategy. This document summarizes research about decontamination of FFRs before reuse.

Visit the website below for Decontamination and subsequent reuse of FFRs.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/ppe-strategy/decontamination-reuse-respirators.html>