

New FAQs – October 28, 2020

1. *If we are required to wear surgical masks at all times, can the company please make sure to provide BFE face masks. The corporate office is now providing cheap masks that do not contain the BFE filtration; they rip, are too tight and smell like chemicals.*

From the COVID-19 Response Team:

We will continue to monitor the quality of our personal protective equipment and supply sites with the best we have to offer. We will research the mask you are describing for further action.

2. *An online article mentioned that enveloped viruses like SARS-CoV-2 do not fare well on porous surfaces like skin and clothing. Does this mean we should not be concerned about handshakes and skin to clothing contact?*

From the COVID-19 Response Team:

SARS-CoV2 is most easily transmitted via droplets from coughs and sneezes. It is still considered to be transmissible through contact and we need to protect ourselves from droplets, aerosols and contact with contaminated environments. We should still be avoiding physical contact with friends and family who are not in our immediate households. Surfaces are still considered to be contaminated with many germs in addition to COVID, so we should be practicing hand hygiene after touching surfaces that have not been disinfected and before touching our faces or eating.

3. *Will we be allowed to dress up for Halloween this Friday?*

From the COVID-19 Response Team:

Yes. Employees who celebrate Halloween and choose to dress in costume as part of the festivities are required to adhere to company guidelines to ensure appropriate standards are maintained for a professional environment. Employees will receive the Halloween Costume Guidelines shortly.