CDFW Staff COVID-19 Flash Report #5

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This short format will be used between COVID-19 Updates to provide employees timely updates on new guidance and critical information.

As California moves ahead with a phased re-opening, there is an increased risk of spread of COVID-19. The California Department of Public Health has released updated guidance as of June 18, 2020 to mitigate this risk in state facilities.

The guidance includes:

- Updated guidelines for wearing face coverings in state facilities, which incorporates the Governor's June 18 order requiring face coverings in all indoor public spaces, and includes:
 - Situations in which face coverings must be worn (see below)
 - o Individuals exempted from wearing a face covering
 - How to wear and care for a cloth face covering
- Other recommendations for state employees and members of the public in state facilities

The document is linked here: <u>Individual Steps to Reduce Risk of COVID-19 in California</u> State Facilities.

If you are required to report to an office or work in close proximity to others, and you believe you meet the criteria to be exempt from wearing a face covering, please contact your assigned MDSU Analyst who will work with you to evaluate your request and identity a Reasonable Accommodation, if appropriate.

When to wear face coverings:

Face coverings must be worn by employees in accordance with the CDPH guidance while engaged in work, whether at the workplace or performing work offsite, when:

- o Interacting in-person with any member of the public;
- Working in any space visited by the public, regardless of whether anyone from the public is present at the time;
- Working in any space where food is prepared or packaged for sale or distribution to others;
- Working in or walking through common areas, such as hallways, stairways, elevators, and parking facilities;
- In any room or enclosed area where other people (except for members of the person's own household or residence) are present;
- Waiting for or riding on public transportation or in a for-hire vehicle, or in a vehicle during work-related travel with others; or

 While outdoors in public spaces when maintaining a 6-foot physical distance from others is not feasible.