



OREGON-COLUMBIA CHAPTER, NECA

COVID-19 AFTERNOON UPDATE

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In an effort to cut down on the number of communications we are sending to you, as we know everyone is receiving an abundance of information, we have opted to send a number of pertinent pieces of information in one bundle. We will be doing this every afternoon as long as there is information that needs to be passed along.

REQUIREMENTS FOR CLOTH FACE COVERING IN THE WORKPLACE

Employers are required to provide workers with the appropriate type of face covering, mask, or respirator, depending on the level of risk for their specific type of work. The Washington Department of Labor and Industries has published a matrix that can be used to determine the proper selection and use of face coverings and respirators. One of the exceptions to required facial coverings at the workplace is if an employee is “working alone.” An employee is “working alone,” when they are isolated from interaction with other people and have little to no expectation of in-person interruption. L&I has released a FAQ page to further clarify the example of “working alone,” [the page can be accessed by clicking here](#).

SMALL BUSINESSES COULD BE CAUGHT IN PPP LOAN FORGIVENESS PROCESS INTO 2022 AND BEYOND

Small businesses seeking loan forgiveness through the Small Business Administration’s Paycheck Protection Program, could be caught in a process dragging out to 2022 — or even later, according to experts. “I think that this could extend beyond 2022, said Tenley Carp, a Partner at law firm Arnold Golden Gregory LLP, adding the multiple layers of review and an as-yet undefined appeals process could take a while to settle. “I can see how a company could still be dealing with loan forgiveness issues into 2023.” [Click here to read more](#).

For any questions or concerns, please contact Tim Gauthier, Executive Manager at tim@orecolneca.org.

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