



## The Bristol Port Company

### COVID Face Coverings Policy

Following the UK Government announcement on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021, The Bristol Port Company have carried out a review of the COVID control measures implemented on the Port Estate. With immediate effect a COVID face coverings policy will come into force for anyone visiting or working on the estate. The policy will be based on BPC COVID Risk Assessments, Government information and official guidance.

#### ***Where and when you must wear a COVID face covering on The Bristol Port Estate;***

- All visitors and contractors when engaging with BPC employees.
- Tenants, when visiting BPC facilities other than their regular places of work.
- All people using the BPC canteen facilities at Royal Portbury Dock and Avonmouth Dock.
- Any person(s) sharing a vehicle on the Port Estate.
- Any person in an indoor setting where social distancing will be difficult or where you will come into contact with people you don't normally meet.
- Personnel working in close proximity where social distancing cannot be maintained.

#### ***Additional Information;***

Face coverings are not a replacement for the other ways of managing risk, including minimising time spent in contact, using fixed teams and partnering for close-up work, and increasing hand and surface washing. These other measures remain the best ways of managing risk in the workplace and government would therefore not expect to see employers relying on face coverings as risk management for the purpose of their health and safety assessments.

A face covering can be very simple and may be worn in enclosed spaces where social distancing isn't possible. It just needs to cover your mouth and nose. It is not the same as a face mask, such as the surgical masks or respirators used by health and care workers. Similarly, face coverings are not the same as the PPE used to manage risks like dust and spray in an industrial context. Supplies of PPE, including face masks, must continue to be reserved for those who need them to protect against risks in their workplace, such as health and care workers, and those in industrial settings like those exposed to dust hazards.

People are also encouraged to wear face coverings in enclosed public spaces where there are people they do not normally meet. If you choose to wear one, it is important to use face coverings properly and wash your hands before putting them on and before and after taking them off.