

Face coverings mandatory when distancing isn't possible

We know social distancing is a proven and effective measure to slow the spread of COVID-19. Close contact—or being within six feet of someone for 10 minutes or longer—should be avoided whenever possible. However, distancing ourselves at work isn't always possible. In those cases, effective Saturday, May 2, BNSF employees are now required to wear a face covering or mask when social distancing is not possible, including but not limited to, the following circumstances:



- Riding with others in any company vehicle or crew van.
- Attending an in-person meeting or briefing that will last longer than 10 minutes and space doesn't allow for adequate social distancing.
- Otherwise working in close quarters or a confined space, both indoors or outdoors.

While face coverings are required in those circumstances where social distancing is not possible, BNSF employees and our contractor partners are encouraged to make a habit of wearing a face covering at all times, especially when indoors.

BNSF is asking contract partners to implement similar face-covering requirements for their workers.

Local jurisdictions may have other requirements for wearing face coverings, and any additional guidance given should be followed.