Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the CDC and OSHA have revised their guidance towards the type of respiratory protection (face covering) that can be used to protect an individual from COVID-19. The types of face coverings that can be utilized include the N95 filtering facepiece respirator and a filtering facepiece that is not classified as a respirator (e.g. surgical mask, dust mask or cloth facemask). Any one of these types of face coverings are considered acceptable for the purpose of social interaction protection against COVID-19. Please view the CDC guidelines on face coverings:


Please note the use of the N95 Respirator is recommended for medical staff taking care of patients with COVID-19, not for social interaction within 6 feet of nonpatients.

Examples of CDC recommended face coverings:

N95 Respirator  Surgical Mask  Dust Mask  Cloth Mask

The N95 respirators and surgical masks are critical supplies that must continue to be reserved for healthcare workers, medical first responders, and specific industrial needs as recommended by current CDC guidance.

Please continue to practice social distancing and to avoid large gatherings. Wear a face covering when you are in a public setting and when you are required to be within 6 feet of another individual at work.

For Canal related questions, please contact John Zacher at (518) 312-7126 as primary or James Candiloro at (518) 470-1079.

You can always contact me with any questions at (914) 287-3407. Stay Safe.