



LACCD EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER SAFETY ADVISORY

USE OF CLOTH FACE COVERINGS IN PUBLIC TO REDUCE COVID-19 EXPOSURE

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INTRODUCTION

In order to further reduce the spread of COVID-19 within the City of Los Angeles, a “Public Order under City of Los Angeles Emergency Authority” was issued on April 7, 2020. This “Worker Protection Order” provides instruction to the City’s essential workers that are engaged in “non-medical” activities to wear “non-medical grade cloth face coverings”, which should help curb the spread of COVID-19, by preventing the transmission of respiratory droplets (aerosols) that may contain the virus.

<https://www.lamayor.org/sites/g/files/wph446/f/page/file/WorkerProtection.pdf>

LACCD REQUIREMENTS

In response to the City of Los Angeles Worker Protection Order, all employees should utilize their mandated cloth face coverings when in public areas within the City. When on District property, **all employees must wear cloth face coverings** for employee protection against COVID-19 in “low exposure risk” areas (e.g., outdoors and inside of clean buildings). Vendors should also be advised that face coverings are required on campus. **This safety advisory is effective April 10, 2020 until further notice.**

NOTE: A bulk purchase of disposable face coverings is in progress. Delivery to each campus location may be scheduled within the next week.

CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL RECOMMENDATIONS

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>

Cloth face coverings are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators (i.e. medical-grade respirators), which are generally reserved for healthcare workers and emergency responders. The District also requires such masks for occupational access to certain buildings that are suspect of recent airborne pathogens exposure (within three days) and/or recent environmental pathogens exposure (within eight days). This guidance is based on Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) safe work practices and may be found in the District’s protocol on Cleaning College Facilities for COVID-19 Exposures. In any case, the District remains committed to supporting workplaces that are “safe and healthful” for all employees [Labor Code Section 6403].

<https://law.onecle.com/california/labor/6403.html>
