

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

NOTICE

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TO: All Department Personnel

FROM: Chief of Police

SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT EXPECTATIONS ON WEARING FACE COVERINGS –
REVISED

The purpose of this Notice is to provide updated guidance for all Department employees on the expectations for wearing a face covering at work. Consistent with the Department Operations Center (DOC) Notice sent on September 29, 2022, the Department aligned its mask requirements with those of the City. As such, employees shall follow City masking rules as they evolve.

Under current guidance, in most workplace settings, face coverings are no longer required and are optional. Although optional, to protect those persons at elevated risk for severe health outcomes due to COVID-19 infection, the City strongly recommends using face coverings.

Exception: Under current City guidance, all employees, regardless of vaccination status, previous infection, or lack of symptoms, are required to wear clean and undamaged face coverings that fit snugly over the nose, mouth, and chin with no large gaps on the outside of the face in certain workplace locations/conditions, including: Homeless Shelters; Emergency Shelters; Cooling and Heating Centers; Long Term Care Settings & Adult and Senior Care Facilities; Local Correctional Facilities & Detention Centers (including Department jails); and, Healthcare Settings.

Note: When required, the following facial coverings are acceptable: a well-fitting medical grade mask, surgical mask, or higher-level respirator such as N95, KN95, or KF94.

Employees who violate the Citywide mask requirements shall continue to be subject to the progressive discipline process. However, complaints about the nonuse of masks in optional settings shall be handled as a complaint against the Department and its policy or procedure.

Any questions about this Notice should be directed to the Support Section, Professional Standards Bureau, at (213) 996-2785.



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Chief of Police

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