

**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE**

May 22, 2020

**NOTICE**

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**TO:** All Concerned Personnel

**FROM:** Chief of Police

**SUBJECT:** CONCERNS REGARDING THE WEARING OF FACE COVERINGS

Recently, I directed Department personnel to wear non-medical face coverings during times they are in contact with the public or cannot socially distance from coworkers.

In response to that direction, I received emails from Department personnel and Los Angeles Police Protective League (LAPPL) Directors who expressed concerns, including assertions that face coverings may have adverse health effects.

I want you to know that I have heard your concerns and acknowledge that wearing face coverings can be inconvenient, uncomfortable, and burdensome. In addition, I have asked Medical Liaison personnel to consult with Cal-OSHA regarding the occupational use of face coverings, including non-medical versions and N95 masks. I have asked them to forward me their findings, which I will evaluate in consideration for best practices on wearing face coverings.

I established this policy out of an abundance of concern for the health and safety of our personnel and the public. I expect you to adhere to this policy. The only exceptions to this directive are when wearing face coverings could jeopardize officer safety (e.g., tactical situations) or you have a documented medical exemption due to an underlying health condition.

Any questions regarding this Notice should be directed to Employee Relations Group at (213)-486-7600.

APPROVED:



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Chief of Police

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