

**SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT
ORDER**

DATE/TIME: NOVEMBER 18, 2020 1545 HOURS
NUMBER: OR 20-42R
SUBJECT: FACIAL COVERINGS FOR ON-DUTY PERSONNEL
COST CENTER: 1914000001
SCOPE: ALL MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT
DEPARTMENT PROCEDURE AFFECTED: NONE

Effective immediately, all face coverings worn by on-duty Department Members will be of a solid cloth type material and be **white, black or Navy blue in color. No adornments or logos are allowed, including any San Diego Police Department or Police-related logos.** Surgical type masks are acceptable, as long as they conform to the same guideline of no adornments or logos, other than those that designate the effectiveness of such mask, and are of a white/light blue, or black color.

The wearing of face coverings while on-duty not only protects our employees by minimizing risks, but it also sets an example for the public who should be wearing face coverings for their own safety and ours.

In addition to this on-duty requirement, I strongly encourage personnel to wear face covering masks off-duty while in contact with the public in order to limit exposure or possible community-based spread of the Coronavirus.

It is important to also practice strict hand washing before and after touching and adjusting face coverings and masks. Face coverings and masks are not a replacement for other evidence-based preventive measures such as physical distancing, frequent hand washing practices, and remaining at home when sick or not performing essential activities.

Thank you for your continued dedication to our community and each other.

Please read at squad conferences and give a copy to all personnel.