EXECUTIVE ORDER

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this executive order is to provide updated information to Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) members regarding the requirement for on-duty use of department-issued and authorized masks by sworn and civilian members pursuant to Mayor’s Order 2022-029 (Adjustments to Winter Action Plan of Mitigation Measures for COVID-19), effective February 14, 2022. District of Columbia Department of Health (DOH) COVID-19 guidance is available for review at https://coronavirus.dc.gov/. To the extent the provisions in this executive order conflict with directives previously issued, the provisions of this executive order shall prevail.

II. PROCEDURES

A. Mask Requirements

1. On-duty members shall carry a department-issued or authorized mask at all times and wear a mask pursuant to the following requirements.

   a. All members shall wear masks while they are on duty when there is direct interaction between members and the public (i.e., when working in customer service areas or otherwise engaging in in-person interaction with the public).

   b. All members shall wear a mask in schools, childcare facilities, congregate facilities (e.g., nursing homes, shelters, dormitories, and correctional facilities), health care facilities, libraries, and public transit (including ride share vehicles), and any businesses in the District that continue to impose masking requirements.

2. Watch commanders shall ensure that a sufficient supply of replacement masks is available for each shift. In the event that a member’s mask becomes damaged or soiled, he or she shall contact their official who shall ensure that the member is provided with a replacement as soon as possible.
3. In addition to department-issued masks, on-duty members may wear personal masks purchased at their own expense. Personal masks must be made from one solid color fabric in white, navy blue, grey, or black. Personal masks may have “MPD,” “MPDC,” or a replica of the standard MPD police patch visible, but must have no other text, patterns, designs, or logos visible to the public. Personal masks must fit the member's face securely and must only cover the member's mouth, nose and chin. Bandanas are not authorized.

4. Personal Protective Equipment

a. Department-issued and authorized masks are not intended for use in place of N95 masks/respirators.

b. Members shall maintain personal protective equipment (PPE) on their person for all investigate the trouble, man/woman down, and medical-related calls for service or self-initiated police actions.

c. When necessary (e.g., administering CPR), members shall don their gloves and N-95 mask/respirator at a minimum. Full PPE is not required unless the subject is exhibiting signs or symptoms of COVID-19.

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