

MEMORANDUM

LOUISVILLE METRO POLICE DEPARTMENT

GREG FISCHER
MAYOR

STEVE CONRAD
CHIEF OF POLICE

TO: All Personnel

FROM: Steve Conrad
Chief of Police

DATE: May 7, 2020

RE: Use of Face Coverings
Special Order #20-023



As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, protocols and restrictions continue to evolve. On Monday, May 11, Kentucky begins phase one of its effort to re-open businesses. As part of these re-openings, the Governor has announced we must begin wearing face coverings while around others in public in order to reduce the spread of the virus. Not only does this include employees or shoppers in a store, it also includes us.

As first responders and community leaders, we must “model the way” by wearing face coverings and encouraging others to wear them as well. Think of it this way: when you wear a mask, you protect those around you, and when they wear a mask, they protect you. The Centers for Disease Control advises the use of simple cloth face coverings to slow the spread of the virus by reducing its transmission to others.

Over the last two weeks, we have seen an increase in the number of LMPD members infected with the virus. Effective immediately, all on-duty LMPD personnel will begin wearing face coverings during his/her shift or while engaged in secondary employment. Exceptions would be while the member is alone, such as in their vehicle or office. It is important we convey a respectful image to the public, who is also being directed to wear a covering.

Members may wear their own cloth masks if they are of a tasteful design (no offensive pictures or wording). Each division has been given ample supply of face coverings, and the mask re-use plan is still in effect.

Members are also reminded to continue to use the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) the situation requires. We must continue to utilize social distancing with each other, and the public we serve, to help reduce the

spread of COVID-19. Members will maintain a six (6) to eight (8) foot distance from all persons when member safety and the situation allows. Members should refer to Special Order #20-006 and Special Order #20-020 for additional guidance.

All members having computer access are responsible for reading, understanding, and acknowledging receipt of this Special Order, using the PowerDMS Document Management System. Members without computer access will continue to sign an accountability roster, as they have in the past.

All commanding officers will ensure their personnel are made aware of this information.

This Special Order will be posted in each division, section, or unit for a period of ten (10) days. Please refer any questions through the appropriate chain of command.