



San Diego Fire-Rescue Department Health & Safety Office

SAFETY MESSAGE

Div/Sec: All Personnel

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INCIDENT STATISTICS:

- Total Incidents, Last 24 Hours: 441
- Daily Staffing Level: **Full Staffing**
- COVID-19 DICO Responses, Last 24 Hours: 9

A mask use directive will be issued today in an Office of the Chief for mask use on non-emergency and routine activities.

- **Specifications:**
 - Made from three layers of antibacterial cloth components: polyester, triclosan (antibacterial and antifungal agent)
 - UV protection 30+
 - Protects against dust, polluted air, and ultraviolet rays
 - Prevents dust and toxic gases such as SO₂, H₂S, motor car/engine exhaust
 - Protects against pollution smells: exhaust, cigarette smoke
- **Directions for Use:**
 - Press metal nose clip for a secure fit against face
 - Per CDC: Cloth facemasks are not surgical masks or N95 respirators
 - Be careful NOT to touch eyes, nose, and mouth when removing mask
 - Wash hands after removing
- **Directions for Care:**
 - Wash by hand or on gentle cycle regularly
 - Do not tumble dry high
 - When not in use store in a clean area/surface

Per the [CDC](#), recent studies indicate that a significant portion of individuals with coronavirus lack symptoms (“asymptomatic”) and that even those who eventually develop symptoms (“pre-symptomatic”) can transmit the virus to others before showing symptoms.

Updated Document: [COVID-19 Response and Decon Protocol](#)

- The updated document is replacing “COVID-19 Response and PPE Guidelines” with the intent of:
 - Transitioning from guidelines to a protocol
 - Providing direction when PPE inventory is low
 - Providing patient assessment parameters to use when determining if high-risk procedures are needed
 - Moving mask testing/reuse to a standalone document



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Updated Document: [SDFD PPE Photos and Restocking 04.04.2020](#)

- San Diego County Assess and Refer Policy S-415A
 - Home Care Instructions for Patients with Mild Respiratory Infection
 - Assess and Refer Flowchart
- Medical Inventory Link on the "S" Drive: [COVID-19 Changes to First Responder Inventories](#)

N-95 Use Limitations:

- Should be discarded when it becomes:
 - Damaged or deformed
 - No longer forms an effective seal to the face
 - Becomes wet or visibly dirty
 - Breathing becomes difficult
 - Contaminated with blood, respiratory or basal secretions or other bodily fluids from patients

[Frequently Asked Questions for EMS Agencies and EMS Providers Regarding the COVID-19 Outbreak](#)

PERSONNEL STATUS:

PERSONNEL STATUS	FIRE		LG		NON-SWORN		AMR	
Number Currently in Isolation (Symptomatic)	7		5		0		5	
	PAST 24 HRS	TO DATE	PAST 24 HRS	TO DATE	PAST 24 HRS	TO DATE	PAST 24 HRS	TO DATE
Number of DICO Confirmed Exposures (CDC Med/High)	0	39	0	17	0	0	0	29
Number of COVID-19 Laboratory Confirmed Positive (+)	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	0
Number of COVID-19 Laboratory Confirmed Negative (-)	1	27	0	12	0	1	0	4
Number of Presumptive COVID-19 Diagnosis	0	33	0	18	0	2	0	0

*****Route any questions, comments, or concerns through your normal chain of command.*****

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