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MAYOR

## **Public Order Under City of Los Angeles Emergency Authority**

**Issue Date: April 7, 2020**

**Subject: Worker Protection Order**

On March 19, 2020, I issued a Safer At Home Order for the City of Los Angeles to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our City. The City's workers continue to provide essential services during this emergency, and some of these critical workers face an outsized risk of exposure. It is imperative that medical workers and first responders continue to follow the advice of health officials and wear hospital grade masks, such as surgical masks or N95 respirators. Our other essential workers who come into frequent contact with others must also be protected from infection. There is a worldwide shortage of medical grade masks, and health officials are increasingly urging non-medical workers to wear non-medical grade cloth face coverings to help curb the spread of COVID-19, by preventing the transmission of respiratory droplets that contain the virus.

Accordingly, today, I am ordering further protections for our non-medical essential workers, requiring them to wear non-medical grade face coverings while performing their work.

Accordingly, by virtue of authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Los Angeles pursuant to the provisions of the Los Angeles Administrative Code, Chapter 3, Section 8.29 to promulgate, issue, and enforce rules, regulations, orders, and directives, I hereby declare the following order to be necessary for the protection of life and property and I hereby order, effective 12:01: a.m. on April 10, 2020, until the end of the local emergency period, that:

1. All workers who work at businesses or perform services that are exempt under Paragraph 5(vii) of the City of Los Angeles Safer At Home Emergency Order, in the following subsections:

- b. Grocery stores, water retailers, farm and produce stands, supermarkets, convenience stores, warehouse stores, food banks, certified farmers markets and other establishments engaged in the retail sale of canned food, dry goods, fresh fruits and vegetables, pet food and medication supply (but not grooming or training), fresh or frozen meats, fish, and poultry, any other household consumer products (such as construction supplies, cleaning and personal care products);
- d. Organizations and businesses that provide food, social services and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals (including gang prevention and intervention, domestic violence, and homeless services agencies);
- h. Hardware and building supply stores, day labor centers, and nurseries.
- i. Plumbers, electricians, exterminators, custodial/janitorial workers, handyman services, funeral home workers and morticians, moving services, HVAC installers, carpenters, day laborers, landscapers, gardeners, property managers and leasing agents, private security personnel;
- l. Laundromats, dry cleaners, and laundry service providers;
- m. Restaurants and retail food facilities that prepare and offer food to customers, but only via delivery service, to be picked up, or drive-thru;
- p. Individuals and businesses that ship or deliver groceries, food, beverages or goods directly to residences or businesses;
- q. Taxis, ride sharing services, car rental companies, and other private transportation services;
- v. Hotels, motels and shared rental units

must wear face coverings over their noses and mouths while performing their work. At this time, the face coverings are not medical-grade masks or N95 respirators, but rather, fabric coverings, such as scarves and bandanas. All essential, non-medical workers required to wear these face coverings must frequently (at least once a day) wash any reusable face coverings, for the health and safety of themselves and others. Single-use face coverings must be properly discarded into trash receptacles.

2. Employers of all workers who work at businesses or perform services described in Paragraph 1 of this Order must permit their employees to wash their hands at least every 30 minutes. All such employers must provide, at their expense,

non-medical grade face coverings for their employees. All such employers must ensure that their employees have access to clean, sanitary restrooms, stocked with all necessary cleansing products; or sanitizing agents required to observe hand sanitation protocols recommended by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, provided at the employer's expense. All such employers must implement social distancing measures for customers, visitors, and employees that provides a six-foot buffer, to the extent possible, between individuals.

3. All customers and visitors of businesses and organizations described in Paragraph 1 of this Order must wear face coverings over their noses and mouths to provide additional protection for employees and customers. At this time, the face coverings need not be medical-grade masks or N95 respirators, but can be fabric coverings, such as scarves and bandana coverings.
4. A business owner or operator described in Paragraph 1 of this Order may refuse admission or service to any individual who fails to wear face coverings as required by this Order.

Additionally, I encourage all retail businesses in Paragraph 1 to install plexiglass to separate cashiers and customers at all points of sale. And I encourage all people to wear face coverings over their noses and mouths when they are outside their homes to obtain essential services and goods. These are recommendations and not requirements.

Any business owner or operator described in Paragraph 1 of this Order may sell face coverings and emergency supplies. All sellers of emergency supplies referenced in this Order shall abide by all price gouging laws. Violations of such laws can be reported here: <https://www.lacityattorney.org/covid19>.

Failure to comply with this Order shall constitute a misdemeanor subject to fines and imprisonment. I hereby urge the Los Angeles Police Department and the City Attorney to enforce this Order via Sections 8.77 and 8.78 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code.

This Order may be extended prior to May 1, 2020.

Dated: April 7, 2020 at Los Angeles, California

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