



CALIFORNIA CORRECTIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES



MEMORANDUM

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To: Wardens
Chief Executive Officers

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Subject: CALPIA CLOTH FACE BARRIER/MASK

As an on ongoing effort to prevent further exposure of COVID-19, the following information is intended to provide guidance on the use of cloth masks by staff and inmates/patients who are performing day-to-day activities within our institutions. This guidance is not a substitute for health care and custody staff following current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or county health department recommendations in dealing with suspected, quarantine or diagnosed patients. Staff and inmates/patients are required to wear a face barrier once a supply of two (2) face barriers/masks per correctional staff and inmate/patient has been delivered to the institution. Staff may bring in their own face coverings as previously communicated.

Staff working or performing duties on institutional grounds shall wear a cloth face covering at a minimum. In addition, maintaining social distancing requirements when moving about the institution for routine tasks is still recommended. These masks are not intended for direct patient care scenarios.

Inmates shall use a cloth face covering within the institution during the following activities:

- Any situation that requires movement outside of cell or while in a dorm setting
 - During interactions with other inmates (ex: yard time, canteen, dayroom)
 - Movement to and from for health care appointments
 - Movement to and from medication administration areas
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Wardens and Chief Executive Officers should work together in developing an informational directive to all staff and inmate/patients on this wear requirement. Institutions, CIM, LAC, CHCF, have received their masks and therefore this expectation is effective immediately.

If you have any questions, please email DOCCOVID19@cdcr.ca.gov.
