



REPLY TO THE
ATTENTION OF

UNITED STATES SOUTHERN COMMAND
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL PERSONS ENTERING U.S. ARMY GARRISON - MIAMI

SUBJECT: Use of Cloth Face Coverings in Response to the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

References:

(a) Secretary of Defense Memorandum, subject: "Department of Defense Guidance on the Use of Cloth Face Coverings," dated April 5, 2020

(b) Commander, U.S. Southern Command Email, subject: "Command Update: Building Our Team # 49," dated April 4, 2020

(c) Installation Commander Memorandum, subject: "Declaration of a Public Health Emergency on U.S. Army Garrison Miami," dated March 27, 2020

1. Purpose. In response to the global outbreak of COVID-19, and in order to maintain force health protection, readiness of the force, and mitigate the risk of transmission, U.S. Army Garrison - Miami is implementing references a and b pursuant to reference c. This memorandum takes effect on 6 April 2020.

2. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain, especially in areas of significant community-based transmission. Military personnel, DoD civilian employees, their family members, and DoD contractors are strongly encouraged to follow CDC guidelines on the use of cloth face coverings in public settings or where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain.

3. Effective immediately, to the extent practical, all individuals on U.S. Army Garrison – Miami will wear cloth face coverings as follows:

a. Face coverings will be worn when walking through passageways, from your vehicle, or when using restrooms or other areas where you will encounter coworkers.

b. Face coverings may be removed in your office when working alone and when on a VTC so long as you are not in a room with others. Face coverings may also be removed for eating and drinking.

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c. Security checkpoints may require the lowering of face coverings to verify identification.

4. The Military Departments will issue further guidance on wear for Service members. As an interim measure, all individuals are encouraged to fashion face coverings from household items or common materials, such as clean T-shirts or other clean cloths that can cover the nose and mouth area. For military, face coverings will be a solid color or camouflage pattern and will be workplace appropriate – a uniform t-shirt/handkerchief/ bandana is authorized. Medical personal protective equipment such as N95 respirators or surgical masks will not be issued for this purpose as these will be reserved for the appropriate personnel.

5. The requirement to wear a face covering is in addition to other cleaning measures and social distancing measures previously implemented including washing/sanitizing your hands, cleaning your work stations, maintaining six feet of social distance, virtual meetings, maximizing telework, and elevator protocols.

6. Requests for exceptions to this requirement will be forwarded through the chain of command or director to me for consideration.

7. POC is the Public Health Emergency Officer.

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