



CLEVELAND DIVISION OF POLICE

DIVISIONAL NOTICE

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SUBJECT: TRANSPORTING INDIVIDUALS DURING COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS	
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As the number of cases of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) increases globally, it is crucial that the Cleveland Division of Police be prepared to function in a variety of challenging and rapidly evolving situations. Established detainee and prisoner handling procedures require substantial modification to prevent community spread of the COVID-19 disease.

All Division members shall make prevention a priority to reduce exposure and risk, and bear in mind that an infected person may be asymptomatic. Every contact that a Division member has with any member of the public creates a potential for exposure to COVID-19. **Members should operate under the assumption that everyone is positive with COVID-19.**

Effective immediately and until instructed otherwise, when Division members must transport ANY party in a Division vehicle, members shall ensure that all parties are correctly fitted with a surgical facemask.

Additionally, members shall be aware of the potential for spreading COVID-19 to officers, corrections personnel, and other persons housed in jail facilities. All arrested persons transported to the Cuyahoga County Corrections Center (CCCC) shall be fitted with and wearing a surgical mask before being conveyed into the CCCC facility.

Members shall instruct persons to place the mask on their face:

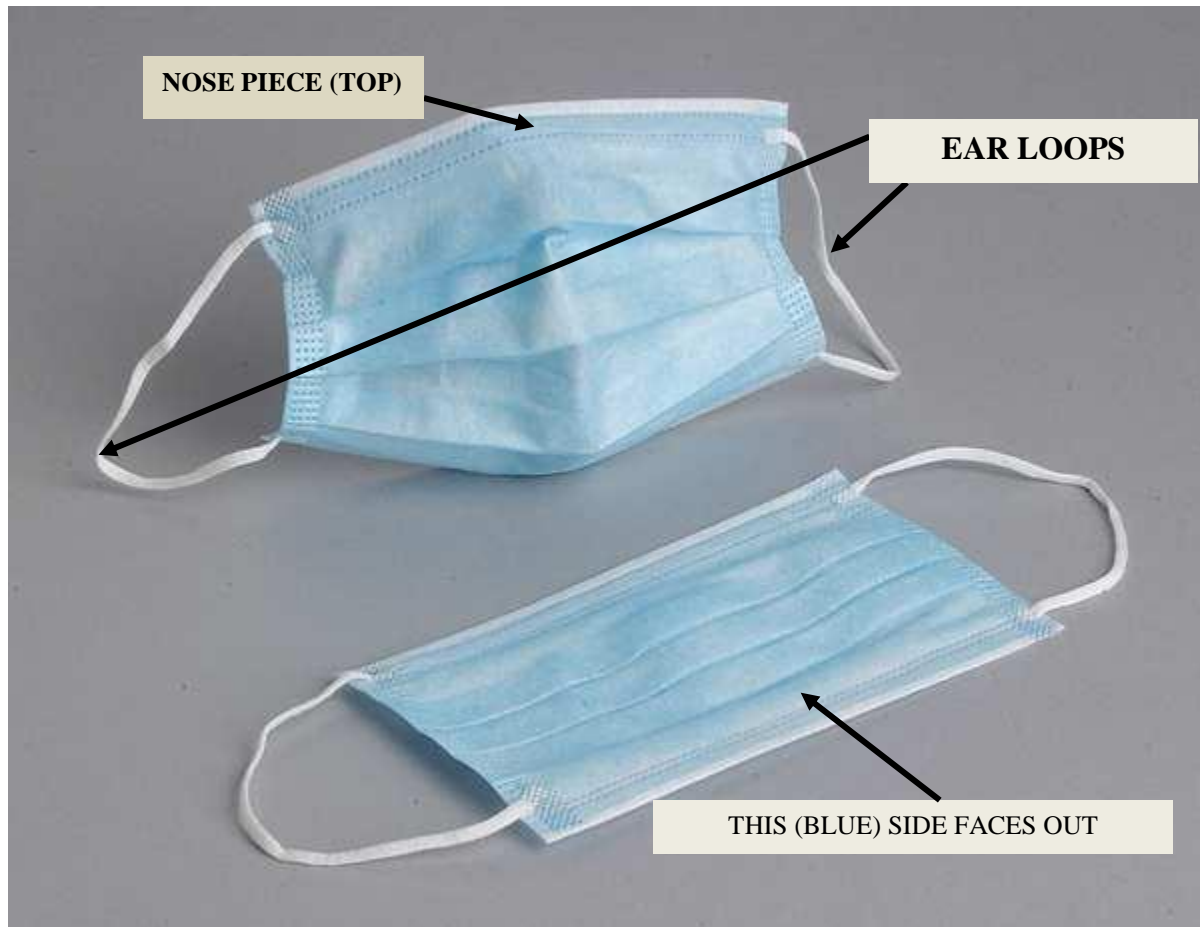
- Color (blue/filter) side facing outwards
- Positioned over/covering their nose, mouth and chin,
- Secured in place with ear loops, one loop over each ear.
- Pinch the metal edge (top) of the mask so it presses against the nose bridge
- Masks should fit snugly with no gaps.

Members shall secure surgical masks or spit socks to the face of any non-compliant arrested person, ONLY after the member has donned their own personal protective equipment, according to established policy.

Initial supplies of surgical facemasks were distributed to each district and additional masks are currently on order. *See example below.*

AFTER TRANSPORTING ANY CITIZEN, MEMBERS SHALL DECONTAMINATE THEIR VEHICLES BEFORE GOING BACK IN SERVICE.

SUPERVISORS SHALL ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THIS DIRECTIVE.



Sample Surgical Mask with ear loops