

# Bulletin



## **Updated Face Covering Guidance**

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## Updated Face Covering Guidance A Message from the Office of Corporate Health and Safety

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Effective January 17, 2022, the LADWP face covering requirements will change to reflect the current Los Angeles County public health guidance and state regulatory standards.

Until further notice, the Department face mask policy is modified to reflect the following:

- Cloth face masks are not approved for use indoors.  
Exception: Cloth ARC-rated masks may be worn while in an ARC hazard area.
- Face masks approved by public health officials for indoor use include:
  - Well-fitting disposable masks - American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) Level 1 or higher
  - N95 respirators - National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) approved
  - KN95 masks

Approved masks for indoor use may be obtained at JFB entry Security stations or from field Tool Rooms. In facilities without Warehouse or Tool Room support, please contact your Superintendent/Facility Manager to assist with availability. If ASTM-rated masks are not available, a suitable alternative will be provided.

As a reminder, face masks must be worn at all times while indoors.

Exceptions allowing for removal of face masks indoors are while:

- Actively eating or drinking: mask may be removed briefly to eat or drink, after which it must be immediately put back on.
- Alone in a separate room, office, or other enclosed interior space.

In outdoor work environments, face masks must be worn while within six feet of others.

For employees who choose to voluntarily use a higher level of protection, LADWP will continue to provide N95 filtering facepiece respirators upon request.



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