



## OPERATIONS ORDER

SUBJECT: <b>MANDATORY FACE COVERINGS</b>	
DATE ISSUED:	NUMBER:
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1. In order to comply with Governor's Executive Order 202.16, effective 2000 hours, Wednesday, April 15, 2020, the Department is required to provide all members of the service (i.e., uniformed members and civilian members) with face coverings. A face covering is a protective covering that covers the nose and mouth (e.g., surgical masks, N-95 masks, etc.), and must be worn by members of the service when in direct contact with members of the public. As a result, the prohibitions against wearing a solid dark blue or black cold weather hood, also known as a "balaclava," above 40 degrees Fahrenheit, and against wearing this item over any part of the nose, cheeks or mouth, as per *P.G. 204-4, "Optional Uniform Items,"* in addition to the prohibition against wearing it while riding in a Department vehicle, are **SUSPENDED** until further notice. Members of the service are not permitted to wear homemade masks, including, but not limited to, scarves, bandanas, handkerchiefs, etc. Any member of the service who does not currently have a face covering is directed to expeditiously notify their immediate supervisor.

2. In addition, all essential businesses that are open and operating at this time must provide face coverings to their employees free of charge. Employees, including, but not limited to, all employees who are working in the public areas of grocery stores, restaurants, medical offices and pharmacies must wear the face coverings when interacting with members of the public. Employees who fail to comply should initially be warned and instructed to use a face covering, and informed that a failure to comply may result in a C-summons being issued to the employer, employee, or both, for NYC Administrative Code 3-108, failing to comply with a mayoral order.

3. This Order will remain in effect until the governor lifts the Executive Order.

4. Commanding officers will ensure that the contents of this Order are brought to the attention of members of their commands.

**BY DIRECTION OF THE POLICE COMMISSIONER**

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