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Inmate/Resident Use of Cloth or Surgical Paper Masks

You will soon be provided with a cloth or surgical paper face mask you may voluntarily wear inside the facility. Here are a few answers to common questions regarding the use of these masks.

WHAT MASK CAN I WEAR?

You have the option to immediately begin wearing a cloth or paper mask provided to you by CoreCivic. These masks should not be altered in any way, including adding designs, coloring, or lettering.

CAN I KEEP THE MASK ON ALL THE TIME?

You can wear your mask as long as you aren't being asked to remove it to provide positive identification.

HOW DO I WEAR THE MASK?

Make sure the mask covers both your nose and mouth at all times, and adjusted as needed. Keep it below your eyes and out of your field of vision, and don't let it hang down below your neck.

WHEN SHOULDN'T I WEAR A MASK?

Don't wear a mask if it impairs your ability to breathe, fogs up your eye glasses, or impairs your vision.

HOW SHOULD I TAKE MY MASK OFF IF I WANT TO REUSE IT?

Act as though the front of the mask is contaminated. Wash your hands thoroughly and remove the mask slowly and carefully using the ear loops on the side. Visually inspect it for contamination, or distortion in shape or form. Don't lay the mask on a surface as it may contaminate the surface.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF THE MASK IS DAMAGED?

Any mask that is soiled, torn, or saturated should be thrown away in standard garbage bin as long as you don't show any of the symptoms of COVID-19. If you are symptomatic, contact health services, and follow the current medical policies and procedures.

HOW LONG CAN I CONTINUE TO WEAR A MASK?

You can continue to wear a cloth or paper mask until further notice.

REMEMBER

Even if you use a cloth or surgical mask, you should continue social distancing, frequently washing your hands, and avoiding skin to skin contact with others to reduce the spread of COVID-19.