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RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ORANGE COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER [ISSUED 4/8/2020]

1. WHEREAS, Executive Order N-33-20 issued by the Governor of State of California (“Executive Order”) (available at <https://covid19.ca.gov/img/Executive-Order-N-33-20.pdf>) ordered all individuals living in the State of California to stay home or at their place of residence, except as needed to maintain the continuity of operations of sectors designated in the document available at <https://covid19.ca.gov/img/EssentialCriticalInfrastructureWorkers.pdf> as updated by the State Public Health Officer (“Essential Workers”).
2. WHEREAS, the State of California has published at <https://covid19.ca.gov/stay-home-except-for-essential-needs/> those permissive activities that the general public may engage in while staying home or at their place of residence, such as taking a walk around one’s neighborhood, etc., (“Allowed Activities”).
3. WHEREAS, California Department of Public Health issued a Face Coverings Guidance (“Guidance”) on April 1, 2020 (attached hereto as Exhibit A).
4. WHEREAS, the Guidance provides that a face covering is a material that covers the nose and mouth; it can be secured to the head with ties or straps or simply wrapped around the lower face; it can be made of a variety of materials, such as cotton, silk, or linen; and a face covering may be factory-made or sewn by hand, or can be improvised from household items such as scarfs, T-shirts, sweatshirts, or towels.

Pursuant to California Health and Safety Code sections 101040 and 120175, the Orange County Health Officer **STRONGLY RECOMMENDS:**

5. Effective immediately, all Essential Workers should wear a face covering while at work when interacting with the public or co-workers. In addition, all Orange County residents should wear a face covering when outside the home engaged in Allowed Activities. However, due to the scarcity of critical medical supplies, N95 respirators and surgical masks should not be used except by workers in healthcare and first responder settings.
6. Effective immediately, all entities necessary for maintaining the continuity of operations of the federal critical infrastructure sectors, as identified at <https://covid19.ca.gov/img/EssentialCriticalInfrastructureWorkers.pdf>, should maintain a healthy work environment as recommended by CDC’s Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers to Plan and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) at

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html>.

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7. These Recommendations are necessary to protect and preserve the public health from, and prevent, the increasing transmission of COVID-19 in California and the County.
8. All County residents are encouraged to continue practicing 6-foot social distancing and to utilize frequent handwashing. Wearing a face covering is not a substitute for these practices that are critical to slowing the increased transmission of COVID-19.
9. These Recommendations shall not supersede any conflicting or more restrictive orders issued by the State of California or Federal governments.

As this is a rapidly evolving situation, these Recommendations may be revised at any time.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

Date: April 8, 2020



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