

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Prevention
Face Covering
 Guidance

Order

On Saturday, April 4, 2020 Riverside County health officials issued an [order](#) requiring that all persons wear fabric face coverings (without holes) to cover their nose and mouth in public places (indoor and outdoor) to help prevent Coronavirus (COVID-19) transmission. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has issued [similar guidance](#).

The face covering does **not** have to be hospital grade. Acceptable examples include bandanas, fabric masks, and neck gaiters, also known as neck warmers. The county is discouraging N-95 respirators and surgical masks **for non-medical reasons**.

Face Coverings

Environmental Health & Safety (EH&S) placed an order of bandanas for limited distribution to employees working on campus. The expected delivery date is Monday, April 6, 2020.

The bandanas are white 22 x 22 inches, and 100% cotton cloth fabric. The coverings may help reduce exposure to droplets in the air that contain the COVID-19 virus. Bandanas will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information about face coverings, refer to [California Department of Public Health guidance](#).

The campus has initiated other activities to get face coverings, including use of the Theatre department’s Costume Shop to produce masks, and acquisition of materials by UCPD and Dining Services. The University has several other initiatives to be examined in efforts to comply with this very recent and fast changing requirement.

Distribution

DEPARTMENTS

EH&S will work with unit heads from departments with essential functions including Police, Facilities Services, Housing, Dining, Student Affairs, and others to determine the number of covers needed and will coordinate distribution to those units first. A maximum of two face coverings per person will be instituted.

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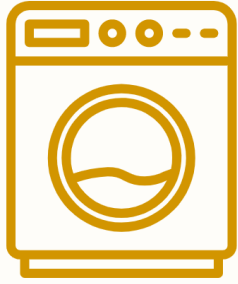
If you would like to obtain a bandana, but are not from a department that EH&S is working with, complete the form <https://tinyurl.com/ug65je4>. An email confirmation will be sent if supplies are available. Bandanas may be picked up on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm at Environmental Health & Safety, 295 W. Linden St, Riverside, CA 92507. At EH&S, you will be asked to follow social distancing guidelines, reinforced by floor markings.

Use

Refer to the EH&S “Bandana Face Covering” handout. In addition, you may follow the CDC guidance for [“How to wear a cloth face covering”](#) and [“How to make a mask”](#) (video). For more information contact ehsPublicHealth@ucr.edu or (951) 827-5528.

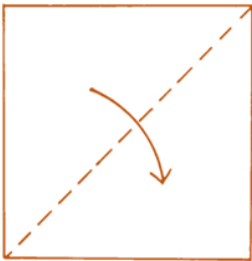


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Wash

before using your bandana



Fold

diagonally



Wrap

around your face covering your nose and mouth



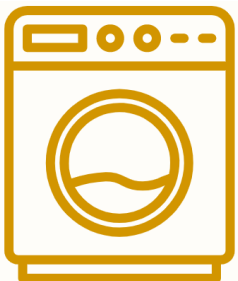
Secure

by tying a knot or using a safety pin



Wear

in public (indoor and outdoor) and do not touch your face



Wash

when it gets dirty, and reuse

What to Wear

Provided bandanas are 100% cotton. They provide a layer of protection against COVID-19 droplets.

Limitations

The bandanas are not hospital-grade.

Care

Handwash after use using soap or machine wash. Wear a new, clean bandana each day. Wash your hands before and after wearing.



To request face coverings for essential personnel working on campus go to <https://tinyurl.com/ug65je4>