NOTICE TO THE TRADE – DeCA NOTICE 20-52 (Ref: DeCA Notice 20-51)

SUBJECT: Use of Face Coverings Mandatory Effective April 10

Effective April 10, all individuals entering a DeCA commissary or facility, to work or shop, are required to wear a face covering.

If an Installation Commander has already issued a directive requiring face coverings in a DeCA commissary or facility, this order shall not supersede their policy and all individuals shall adhere to current rules.

This requirement applies where no local guidance has yet to be established.

DeCA Notice 20-51 is attached for reference.

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NOTICE TO THE TRADE – DeCA NOTICE 20-51

SUBJECT: DoD Guidance on the Use of Cloth Face Coverings (OSD003652-20)

Reference attached DoD guidance issued today, effective immediately, to the extent practical, all individuals on DoD property, installations, and facilities will wear cloth face coverings when they cannot maintain six feet of social distance in public areas or work centers.

This includes all Military Personnel, DoD Civilian Employees, Family Members, DoD Contractors, and all other individuals on DoD property, installations, and facilities.

As a result of this guidance, all individuals should have a face covering in their possession when reporting to work on DoD property starting immediately and should be prepared to wear it if instructed by Installation or Commissary leadership.

Exceptions to this requirement may be approved by local commanders or supervisors, and then submitted up the chain of command for situational awareness. Security checkpoints may require the lowering of face covers to verify identification.

The Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness will issue updated force health protection guidance on DoD implementation. The Military Departments will issue guidance on wear for Service members.

As an interim measure, all individuals are encouraged to fashion face coverings from scarfs, bandannas, household items, or common materials, such as clean T-shirts or other clean cloths that can cover the nose and mouth area. Medical personal protective equipment, such as N95 respirators or surgical masks, will not be issued for this purpose as these will be reserved for the appropriate personnel.

This is a very short notice, but as you are aware, we must take any possible step to help in limiting the spread of the COVID 19 virus. Delivering the commissary benefit has been crucial during these very difficult times. Thank you for your commendable efforts and continued support!

Tracie L. Russ
Director, Sales

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Your Commissary ... It's Worth the Trip!
MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF MANAGEMENT OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS
CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
UNDER SECRETARIES OF DEFENSE
CHIEF OF THE NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU
GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
DIRECTOR OF COST ASSESSMENT AND PROGRAM EVALUATION
INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONAL TEST AND EVALUATION
CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS
ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS
DIRECTOR OF NET ASSESSMENT
DIRECTORS OF DEFENSE AGENCIES
DIRECTORS OF DOD FIELD ACTIVITIES

SUBJECT: Department of Defense Guidance on the Use of Cloth Face Coverings

The Department of Defense (DoD) is committed to taking every precaution to ensure the health and wellbeing of our Service members, DoD civilian employees, families, and the Nation in response to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. DoD supports, and will continue to implement, all measures necessary to mitigate risks to the spread of the disease, consistent with the Department’s priorities to protect our people, safeguard our national security capabilities, and support the government’s whole-of-nation response.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain, especially in areas of significant community-based transmission. Military personnel, DoD civilian employees, their family members, and DoD contractors are strongly encouraged to follow CDC guidelines on the use of cloth face coverings in public settings or where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain.

Effective immediately, to the extent practical, all individuals on DoD property, installations, and facilities will wear cloth face coverings when they cannot maintain six feet of social distance in public areas or work centers (this does not include in a Service member’s or Service family member’s personal residence on a military installation). This includes all:

• Military Personnel

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• DoD Civilian Employees
• Family Members
• DoD Contractors
• All other individuals on DoD property, installations, and facilities

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The Department will continue to implement force protective measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 to our total force and their families, and the American people. The latest DoD policies can be found at https://www.defense.gov/Explore/Spotlight/Coronavirus.

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