

CONTRACTOR/VISITOR FACE COVERINGS – REQUIRED USAGE

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We would like to reassure all DC Water contractors/visitors that DC Water’s Incident Management Team has been keeping up-to-date on all things COVID-19 related that could potentially impact the health, safety and wellbeing of all of those working for and with the Authority. Recently, District Mayor Muriel Bowser has extended the District’s Stay at Home Order to June 8, 2020. In addition to the extension of the order, face coverings are now mandatory for conducting essential business.

DC Water has updated the following guidance to reflect those:

- 1) All persons are to wear face coverings while on DC Water property, or conducting business with/on behalf of DC Water.
- 2) Face coverings may be any color, and most printed graphics on the masks will be acceptable. **(Please ensure that your face coverings are appropriate for use in a business environment or a public work site)**
- 3) Social Distancing guidelines (6ft minimum) are to be strictly adhered to whenever possible within Authority locations
- 4) Continue frequent and thorough hand washing for at least 20 seconds.

Face Covering Exceptions:

- 1) Persons who cannot wear a mask or face covering due to a medical condition or disability, or who are unable to remove a mask without assistance
- 2) Persons working alone in a private, enclosed office.
- 3) Persons traveling alone in a vehicle

A link to a FAQ section from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) is included below, in case you have questions that have been asked by others and answered.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover-faq.html>

