



HOUSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

To: All Officers and Members
From: Ruy Lozano, Assistant Fire Chief *RL*
Through: Rodney West, Executive Assistant Fire Chief *RW*
Subject: Cloth Mask Use
Date: May 28, 2020

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In order to provide for member safety and reduce the risk of spread of infectious disease to protect against interdepartmental-related exposures, the Department will be issuing Cloth Masks and Bandanas donated by Firefighters Helping Firefighters.

Wear your Face Covering Correctly

- Wash your hands before putting on your face covering
- Put it over your nose and mouth and secure it under your chin
- Try to fit it snugly against the sides of your face
- Make sure you can breathe easily

Use the Face Covering to Protect Others

- Wear a face covering to help protect others in case you're infected but don't have symptoms
- Keep the covering on your face the entire time you're in public or in the station within 6ft proximity of other firefighters

Take Off Your Cloth Face Covering Carefully, When You're Home

- Untie the strings behind your head or stretch the ear loops
- Handle only by the ear loops or ties
- Fold outside corners together
- Place covering in the washing machine
- Be careful not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth when removing and wash hands immediately after removing

Distribution will be conducted by District Russell Fritsch - Russell.Fritsch@houstontx.gov to the separate District Chiefs for downstream dispersal.

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