



## FACE COVERINGS DURING DISASTER, DECLARED EMERGENCY OR PANDEMIC

### POLICY.

It is the policy of the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office – Adult Jail (AJ) to require face coverings during any period where the Governor of Oregon has declared a state of emergency or Catastrophic Disaster related to a pandemic, highly infectious, or highly contagious illness and the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is recommending wearing face coverings in public places.

### PURPOSE.

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines on when face coverings will be issued to inmates, when members will be required to wear face coverings and when any other person entering the secure perimeter will be required to wear a face covering in line with an executive order issued by the Governor.

### OREGON JAIL STANDARDS:

- G-215

### DEFINITIONS:

**Face Covering.** “Face covering” means a cloth, paper, or disposable face covering that covers the nose and the mouth. Face coverings may include masks, bandanas, face shields or similar items that cover the mouth and nose.

### PROCEDURES.

#### ***SECTION A: DECLARED EMERGENCY, DISASTER, PANDEMIC, INFECTIOUS or CONTAGIOUS ILLNESS.***

- A-1.** During a pandemic, highly infectious or highly contagious illness, the Oregon Governor with recommendation from the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) may recommend the wearing of face coverings in public places.

During any period when the Governor issues an executive order declaring a state of emergency or catastrophic disaster related to a pandemic, infectious or contagious illness the AJ will require all persons entering the secure perimeter to wear a face covering when in direct contact with others. Direct contact means being within the most recent physical distance spacing recommended by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) or OHA, if there are no shielding physical barriers between individuals.

- A-2.** Inmates will not be charged for face coverings. When an inmate knowingly damages or destroys a face covering in violation of AJ rules, members may request restitution through the formal disciplinary process.

***SECTION B: FACE COVERING REQUIREMENTS***

- B-1.** Face coverings will be worn by anyone entering the secure perimeter of the jail when direct contact is unavoidable and physical distancing is not possible. This includes:
- Contractors
  - Vendors
  - Arresting or visiting law enforcement officers (LEOs)
  - Professional or social visitors
  - Inmates
  - Deputies entering housing units or areas where inmates are being processed, working or recreating
- B-2.** Face coverings are not required:
- During scheduled mealtimes or when eating or drinking
  - When a physical or behavioral health condition, medical reason or disability limits a person's ability to wear a face covering
  - When an order from the Oregon Judicial Department, presiding judge, or local health authority provides an exception to the wearing of face coverings
  - In a housing unit where all the inmates have been in quarantine for a minimum period of time established by the local health authority after considering CDC and OHA guidelines.
  - During an emergency, such as when responding to a spontaneous use of force event, a medical emergency or a serious suicide attempt in a housing unit
- B-3.** During any period of time when facial coverings are required under this policy, inmates should eat provided meals in their cell if possible. If this is not possible, inmates should maintain appropriate physical distancing during mealtimes, considering the physical constraints of the facility.