



WARRIOR MEDIC NOTAM – 59MDW-20-05  
Face Coverings  
29 June 2020



**PURPOSE:** To implement 59th Medical Wing Face Coverings policy.

**COMMANDER'S INTENT:** The 59 MDW Commander's intent is to establish guidance for the mandatory wear of face coverings for all 59 MDW personnel.

**BACKGROUND:** In light of the recent uptick in the number of positive COVID-19 cases and increased hospital admissions in the local San Antonio community, it is important that everyone follows the CDC recommendation to wear cloth face coverings in public when social distance cannot be maintained. DoD supports this recommendation. IAW JBSA COVID-19 Guidance Memo #23, "face coverings worn by military members must be clean, conservative in nature and not detract or discredit the military uniform." IAW AFI 36-2903, paragraph 2.10.1, this memo provides guidance regarding what is considered conservative in nature and not detracting or discrediting the military uniform. The color of the face covering will be consistent with the colors identified in AFI 36-2903 for items permitted to be worn with any uniform combination (i.e. black, navy, OCP pattern, spice brown, etc.). A disposable face mask is permitted in lieu of a cloth face covering. Face coverings (to include disposable face masks) will not include any logos, symbols or writing that detracts or discredits the military uniform. This includes logos, symbols or writing that violates AFI 51-508, *Political Activities*, or DOD 5500.07, *Joint Ethics Regulation*, concerning endorsement of non-federal entities, events, or enterprises.

IAW AFI 36-703, paragraph 4.2 face coverings worn by civilian employees (disposable face mask or cloth covering) will not be offensive or disruptive. Faces coverings will not include any logos, symbols or writings that violate the Hatch Act concerning political activity or DOD 5500.07, *Joint Ethics Regulation*, concerning endorsement of non-federal entities, events, or enterprises.

**IMPLEMENTATION:**

1. Effective upon signature of this NOTAM, All 59 MDW personnel are expected to comply with SECDEF Memo, dated 5 April 2020, directing wear of cloth face coverings when they cannot maintain six feet of social distance in public areas and in work centers. As members of a Highly Reliable Healthcare Organization, I expect you to lead by example and do your part to reduce/slow the spread by wearing face coverings in both the public areas of our medical facilities and work centers.
2. In keeping with the professional environment in which they are working, face coverings worn by contractors and volunteers will not be offensive or disruptive.

**POC:** Direct questions regarding this NOTAM to the 59 MDW Director of Staff at DSN 554-4350.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John J. DeGoes".

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