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Masks Mandated in City of Los Angeles, San Bernardino County

Local orders issued today requiring all essential workers wear face coverings

City of Los Angeles

Mayor Eric Garcetti today issued [an emergency order](#) effective April 10, instituting a citywide mask or face-covering requirement. Specifically, the order:

- requires all persons wear face coverings over their noses and mouths when leaving their homes.
- **requires all essential workers wear face coverings over their noses and mouths while performing their work.**
- states that, for non-medical workers, the masks are to be fabric face-coverings (such as a scarf or bandanna).
- requires employers of essential workers to permit workers to wash their hands at least every 30 minutes.
- requires employers to ensure that their employees have access to clean, sanitary restrooms, stocked with all necessary cleansing products; or sanitizing agents required to observe hand sanitation protocols.
- **requires employers of essential workers provide employees with non-medical grade face coverings or reimburse employees who purchase their own.**

Failure to comply with this order shall constitute a misdemeanor subject to fines and imprisonment.

San Bernardino County

Public Health Officials of San Bernardino County today issued [an order](#) mandating face coverings, effective April 8. Specifically, the order:

- requires all persons wear face coverings over their noses and mouths when leaving their homes.
- **requires all essential workers wear face coverings over their noses and mouths while performing their work.**
- states that, for non-medical workers, the masks are to be fabric face-coverings (such as a scarf or bandanna).

Note, the San Bernardino County order does not specify that employers must provide employees with face coverings.

Violation or failure to comply with this order is a crime punishable by fines, imprisonment or both.

The City of Carson has reportedly adopted a similar ordinance and employers should begin preparing for other municipalities to do same.