

**RESOLUTION #20-663
TOWN OF TWISP**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TWISP, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR THE TOWN OF TWISP POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR FACE COVERING IN TIMES OF EMERGENCIES AND/OR PANDEMICS, AND CONTACT WITH INDIVIDUALS CONFIRMED OR SUSPECTED TO HAVE AN INFECTIOUS DISEASE, SUCH AS COVID-19

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease that may result in serious illness or death and is easily transmissible from person to person; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Public Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar declared a public emergency for the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) beginning on January 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee declared a state of emergency exists in all counties in the State of Washington due to the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the State; and

WHEREAS, on March 18th, 2020 Mayor Ing-Moody signed an Emergency Proclamation declaring a state of emergency exists in the Town of Twisp; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety and welfare of Town residents, businesses, visitors and staff is of utmost importance to the Town and additional future measures may be needed to protect the community; and

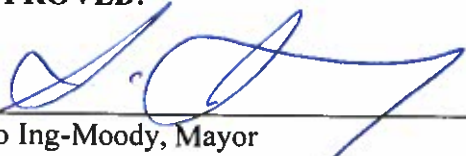
WHEREAS, Officers of the Town of Twisp Police department are routinely engaged in situations of public health and safety where a need for Standard Operating Procedures has been identified to govern where face coverings are required for use by Officers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TWISP, WASHINGTON

The policy entitled "TOWN OF TWISP POLICE DEPARTMENT STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR FACE COVERING IN TIMES OF EMERGENCIES AND/OR PANDEMICS, AND CONTACT WITH INDIVIDUALS CONFIRMED OR SUSPECTED TO HAVE AN INFECTIOUS DISEASE, SUCH AS COVID-19" attached hereto is adopted as the new set of standard operating procedures for all employees of the Town of Twisp Police Department relating to face coverings.

PASSED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL this 11th Day of August 2020.

APPROVED:



Soo Ing-Moody, Mayor

ATTEST:



Randy Kilmer, Clerk/Treasurer

TOWN OF TWISP POLICE DEPARTMENT
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES
FOR FACE COVERING IN TIMES OF EMERGENCIES
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The following is the Town of Twisp Police Department Standard Operating Procedures for face coverings in the time of declared emergencies or pandemics where face coverings are required:

Face Coverings. Officers are provided with various PPE, including N95 masks, surgical masks, cloth masks and/or face shields. Officers are required to wear facial coverings when not working alone, when interacting with the public in any manner or in an indoor public or private setting. A face covering is not required when an officer is:

A. Working alone in their own workspace, office, or single occupancy vehicle where the public does not regularly visit or where the officer does not have contact with any other people; or

B. Conducting tasks where federal, state or local standards (DOSH, WISHA, OSHA, RCW, WAC, etc.) require the wearing of a specific mask, face shield, or respirator that cannot be performed while wearing a facial covering or prohibits the wearing of a face covering; or

C. Where operational needs dictate otherwise, including when wearing a face covering would be a hazard, unsafe or when other public safety concerns may necessitate removing of the face covering; or

D. Outdoors, if the officer is not interacting with the public and maintaining at least six (6) feet from any member of the public or other employees of Twisp; or

E. If an officer has requested an accommodation because of a medical or disability issue, and a medical professional has provided a statement

specifying that a face covering should not be worn due to the officer's present health condition; or

- F. When eating or drinking; or
- G. If a party to the conversation with the officer is deaf or hard of hearing; or
- H. When necessary to confirm identity.

Close Contact. Officers who must make contact with individuals confirmed or suspected to have an infectious disease, such as COVID-19, should follow CDC's Interim Guidance for EMS. According to the CDC, the minimum PPE recommendation is:

- A. A single pair of disposable examination gloves;
- B. Disposable isolation gown or single-use disposable coveralls (if unable to wear a disposable gown or coveralls because it limits access to duty, belt and gear, ensure duty, belt and gear are disinfected after contact with individual);
- C. Any approved particulate respirator (i.e. N95 or higher-level respirator); face masks are also acceptable alternative if N95 or higher respirators are not available; and
- D. Eye protection (i.e. goggles or disposable face shield that covers the front and sides of the face).

When contacting a known or suspected COVID-19 patient or a patient with other infectious disease, extra PPE shall be worn by officers as tactically practical.

Further, officers should try to maintain social distancing of at least six (6) feet distance with others at all times, especially when in a structure.