



### Use of Expired HY8510 N-95 Mask

Recent guidance posted by the California Department of Public Health states utilizing face coverings can help reduce infectious particles from those who could be infected, but are asymptomatic.

The Department Operations Center (DOC) is continually working to acquire Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and distribute it to department personnel. The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in a limited supply of PPE, including all types of face masks.

In addition to N-95 masks the Department currently has in stock, we also have a supply of **expired HY8510 N-95** masks (pictured below) which can be used as a face covering for department personnel, sworn and professional, to reduce infectious particles.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) released an Emergency Use Authorization regarding the use of expired masks, which include the expired HY8510 N-95 masks the department currently has in stock. These masks **can only be used as a simple barrier mask** akin to a simple surgical mask (not a surgical respirator). Users must understand that **these masks cannot be used as N-95 masks or respirators**.

When responding to calls for service or working in the custody environment, discretion should be used when deciding to deploy an N-95 mask. Consideration should be given to **the use of expired HY8510 N-95 masks in lower risk environments where there is no confirmed presence of the COVID-19 virus**.

The DOC is in the process of distributing these "barrier only" masks department-wide, and will coordinate with Division Commanders and Liaisons on the distribution process.

Any department member (sworn or professional staff) requesting an expired mask should contact their direct supervisor.



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