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## New Written Directive N95 Masks

Officers are reminded to always utilize the following when interacting with the public:

1. Social Distancing (minimum of 6 feet apart)
2. Protective face and nose covering (cloth mask is perfectly adequate)
3. Protective N95 mask should be used under the following circumstances:
  - During medical patient care (CPR etc)
  - Process of placing someone into custody
  - Responding to known COVID19 related residence

With COVID19 calls at a lower than anticipated rate, at this time it has been decided to remove all N95 masks in the Newton Police Cruisers with the exception of one, which will be left in the car on an emergency basis. Officers are requested to write their names on the two masks they were individually issued and to utilize those masks, followed by sanitizing and re-using them when they are used. Again, N95 masks only should to be used in certain calls and social distancing, face shields and cloth masks are perfectly adequate.

N95 masks should still be documented in your vehicle inspection, and only utilized in emergency situation. If mask is unusable, notify Special Operations Bureau for replacement during business hours, and OIC office after business hours. PPE replacement form WILL still need to be filled out in entirety for replacement mask.

**Under NO circumstances should officers be discarding N95 masks at this point.**

Any questions can be directed to Sgt. Valente at 617-796-3640