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FOR: CIVILIAN PERSONNEL POLICY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: Defense Civilian Personnel Advisory Service Director, Ms. Michelle LoweSolis

SUBJECT: Department of Defense Guidance on the Use of Cloth Face Coverings

AUDIENCE: Both Nonappropriated Fund and Appropriated Fund employees

ACTION: Disseminate to all Department of Defense Human Resources Practitioners

REFERENCE: Secretary of Defense Memorandum, "Department of Defense Guidance on the Use of Cloth Face Coverings," dated April 5, 2020.

BACKGROUND/INTENT: In response to revised guidelines published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Secretary of Defense issued the above referenced memorandum which provides for Department of Defense personnel wearing cloth face coverings.

Effective immediately and to the extent practical, all individuals on DoD property, installations, and facilities will wear cloth face coverings when they cannot maintain six feet of social distance in public areas or work centers. Exceptions may be approved by local commanders or supervisors, and submitted up the chain of command for situational awareness. There are no plans at this time for the Department to provide face masks to civilian employees.

POINT(S) OF CONTACT: Submit any questions related to this guidance to the DCPAS Emergency Preparedness mailbox at: *dodhra.mc-alex.dcpas.list.emergency-preparedness@mail.mil*

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