To: All Personnel
From: Sheriff Clarence F. Birkhead
Date: April 20, 2020
Re: Face Covering Requirement

In response to Durham County and City of Durham directives, all Durham residents are **now required** to wear face coverings in public places where social distancing is impossible, including at businesses and on public transit.

Regarding the Sheriff’s Office, all employees must adhere to this new rule while maintaining social distancing. The Logistics Department has already distributed masks and other forms of personal protection equipment (PPE) since the start of COVID-19. If for some reason you do not have a mask, now is the time to obtain one.

For more information about this the joint county/city order, click here: [Mayor Schewel, Chair Jacobs Amend Durham City-County Stay-At-Home Order Changes to Unified Order Focus on Face Coverings, Farmers Markets and Guidelines for Realtors](#).

Attached to this memo is guidance from the NC Department of Health and Human Services on what to do if you feel sick. Follow these guidelines to protect yourselves, your families and your coworkers. If you have questions about this or anything related to Sheriff’s Office operations during the COVID-19 pandemic; please contact your supervisor as they are here to assist you with your concerns.

Thank you in advance.