

### **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Guidance to Contractors – Requirement for Facial Masks**

The health and well-being of the entire Library workforce is our paramount concern during the coronavirus pandemic. Consistent with the Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommendations, all individuals are required to wear facial masks while on-site at Library of Congress locations as an enhancement to social distancing and personal hygiene practices.

Any contractor employee authorized to report to Library buildings shall wear masks while they are inside the Library's buildings. Medical-grade masks are scarce and should be reserved for front-line health-care workers who are repeatedly exposed to the virus. A Do-It-Yourself (DIY) face cover offers a bit of protection to the wearer while also helping prevent them from unknowingly spreading the virus to others. Directions on making a DIY face cover can be found on the CDC website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>.

Contractors will continue to work with their CORs to implement CDC and Library guidance as posted to the Library of Congress Website at: <https://www.loc.gov/about/pandemic-information/for-contractors/>.