

COVID-19 Update - April 20, 2020

Hi all-

Happy Monday! I hope everyone had a great weekend. Short update tonight.

**Cloth Face Coverings:** So far, our facilities and ICI have made almost 10,000 masks! That's pretty impressive, and a huge thanks goes out to all the men and women who have worked so hard to make it happen. Also, thank you to all the people who have generously donated supplies! A quick update on the face coverings we ordered. 12,000 were shipped on last Friday and should have been delivered to district offices and some facilities today. The remaining 18,000 masks were shipped this evening with expected delivery tomorrow and Wednesday. At this point, the use of cloth face coverings is not mandatory. We are encouraging you to wear them when your job will not allow for appropriate social distancing precautions. Tomorrow morning, Training will be sending out a pictorial information sheet with instructions for applying and removing your face coverings and tips to properly clean and sanitize your masks.

I think it's human nature for us to go through cycles in any sort of emergency, but especially one as unprecedented and extended as the public health crisis in which we find ourselves. The initial wave of adrenaline wears off, we're tired and exhausted, we find ourselves in a bit of a holding pattern and we're just ready for it to be over. Now is when your continued vigilance matters most. Now is when it is easy to let our guard down and wrongfully think we're nearing the finish line. We're not. The precautions you need to take to protect your health are every bit as important today as they were on March 13<sup>th</sup> when we moved into modified restricted status, or March 25<sup>th</sup> when the Governor issued his stay-home order, or last week when the order was extended. They're probably more important now. This is a marathon, and we're going to be in this operating environment for a while longer. The steps each of us take to personally protect our health and prevent the introduction of COVID-19 into our system will impact the duration and severity of what lies in front of us.

Thanks again for all of your efforts. Please know how much they are appreciated. Take care of yourself and keep looking out for each other.

Thanks-  
Josh