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OFFICIAL MPD COVID-19 TEAM CORRESPONDENCE

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TO: All Madison PD Employees
FROM: Captain Brian Chaney Austin
SUBJECT: **Personal Decontamination Procedures**

The following recommendations are based upon best practices and subject to change as additional information is learned about COVID-19. Questions can be directed to the COVID-19 Task Forces at PDCOVID19@cityofmadison.com.

Applicable Situations

This process applies to situations when an employee feels they may have been exposed to COVID-19 but it is not determined to be a significant exposure.

Examples for personal decontamination.

- Social distancing cannot be maintained, or physical contact is made, with anyone who appears to be symptomatic, or states/claims they have COVID-19.
 - Any transportation in a squad car would be considered not consistent with social distancing practices.
- Officers experience prolonged exposure in a hospital/ER setting.

Self-Decontamination Efforts

- Every effort should be made to wash hands, wear available PPE and avoid touching the face.
- At the earliest opportunity officers should be provided an opportunity to self decon.
- Officers should drive themselves, if their squad is already potentially contaminated, to their district station.
- Prior to any administrative steps (dictated reports, contacts with coworkers, etc) officers should:
 - Obtain a hydrogen peroxide bottle and a laundry bag (per the laundry guidance).
 - Officers should remove their duty belt, outer carrier (if applicable) and footwear.
 - These items should be sprayed with the hydrogen peroxide solution until damp and allowed to air dry.
 - These items can be worn while air drying but not preferred.
 - Officers should follow the laundry guidance for outermost layer of clothing.
 - Offices are encouraged to shower prior to putting on a fresh duty uniform but must, at a minimum, wash their hands thoroughly.

The above process can but utilized independently or in conjunction with:

- Squad Decontamination Guidance
- Significant Exposure Guidance