

# JOINT PORT LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEES

**To:** The Members of ILWU Local 13, 63, & 94  
**From:** JPLRCs  
**Re:** April 8, 2020  
**Date:** COVID-19 – Face Coverings

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The safety of all ILWU members is of paramount importance to the Joint Port Labor Relations Committees. We wanted to inform you of one of the steps we are taking to combat the spread of Coronavirus.

As you are likely aware, numerous governmental agencies issued guidance encouraging citizens to wear face coverings in public. The JPLRC is requiring all persons while in/around the Dispatch Halls and on the job to wear face coverings. This does not replace the social distancing mandate. Please note face coverings are not the same as face masks. Examples of cloth face coverings include bandanas, scarves, and neck gaiters. Cloth face coverings should be washed after each use. However, these do not replace the requirement that proper PPE be provided when their use is necessary to perform a worker's job duty.

To support compliance with the face covering requirement, PMA ordered reusable, cotton face coverings for all ILWU members and Casuals. Manufacturers are currently overwhelmed with orders, so they are not immediately available. The Committees anticipates receiving and distributing face coverings by Monday, April 20, 2020. The details regarding how the face coverings will be distributed are currently being finalized. We will provide the information regarding when/where you can pick up the face coverings as soon as possible.

Until such time as PMA provides face coverings, please provide one of your own. We appreciate your cooperation and patience during this difficult time.

Stay safe!

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