

Availability of Hand Sanitizer and Face Coverings for Member and Committee Offices



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SUBJECT: Availability of Hand Sanitizer and Face Coverings for Member and Committee Offices

In general, Members and staff are advised by the Attending Physician to use hand sanitizer upon entering and leaving a new office environment, whether that is attending a meeting or working in a personal office, attending a committee hearing, or participating in activity on the floor.

In addition, in light of additional guidance from the CDC since the March 27, 2020, session, use of a face covering, while voluntary, is recommended by the Attending Physician for Members and staff in any proceeding when it may be not be possible to maintain the minimum six-foot separation distance (e.g. Member private communications with staff, document distribution if needed, witness or staff movements, etc.).

The House will begin distribution of a limited supply of hand sanitizer and masks to all Member and Committee offices this week. If you have staff on campus, they may visit the Rayburn Cafeteria during the following hours to receive your office's allocation.

Wednesday: Noon to 5:00 p.m.
Thursday: 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

If you are unable to retrieve your office's allocation during these times, it will be available for pickup from the House Supply Store starting next week. The Supply Store is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Offices are encouraged to continue to utilize social distancing, maximum telework, and not to make a special visit to the campus to collect these items. Your office allocation will be held until you are ready to retrieve it.

For Members who are participating in the Floor proceeding, face coverings, sanitizer, and gloves will be around the Chamber during the proceeding.

This initial distribution is intended to cover a short-term need while the House meets to conduct essential legislative business. Members and staff may also wear face coverings brought from home. Pursuant to direction from the Committee on House Administration, masks purchased for official business purposes are eligible for reimbursement from the Members' Representational Allowance.

Please contact CAO First Call at (202) 225-8000 or the Office of the Sergeant at Arms at (202) 225-2456 if you should have any questions.