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XJT Crewmembers,

Thank you for the emails at XJTVirusHelp@alpa.org. We would like to clarify some items from [Update 6](#).

A conservative and common-sense approach self-protection will be needed as states and municipalities begin to re-open businesses and implement face covering procedures.

As pilots, we are essential and we are required to travel. A locale may not have a mandate today, but tomorrow there very well be a requirement to cover your face when out in public. Just yesterday we learned that Colorado also requires face coverings.

It will be impossible for the Task Force to keep up with every state and municipality order. A face covering can only assist in protecting you and others. At the very least, have a face covering with you while working and do not oppose law enforcement if you are questioned. This is a new process for all essential workers and there may be misunderstandings; however, until or unless the courts decide otherwise, we are expected to comply with all federal, state, and local laws and orders. Even though some of these mandates are only published for local residents, it is still highly recommended that crewmembers wear face coverings while in public places as well.

It is safe to assume that this will become the norm for a while as the country eases back into business. Until you obtain a company-provided mask, you can make your own. The company would prefer you wear a black, white or neutral colored face covering, any color face covering is better than no covering until you are able to obtain one more neutral in appearance. The CDC provides directions for self-made face coverings here:

CDC on Homemade Cloth Face Coverings

We also recommend that you use a paper bag to store your mask ([per the video provided in Update #6](#)), not a plastic bag. Paper bags are porous and do not retain moisture, which provides a breeding ground for germ growth.

PPE Aircraft kits are on their way. The first kit was built yesterday.



Use only what you need. The Webcol alcohol wipes are small in size. We would be curious to know how many wipes are needed to comply with the flight deck disinfection task card. We would appreciate it if you would send us that information through the ASAP portal, along with any other observations you have.

Be conservative with the face coverings provided in the PPE, as supplies are still on order. If

you have your own face covering, use your own. Please DO NOT take anything off property if you don't need it. Obtaining supplies for our crewmembers has been an arduous process.

Together we can manage this threat and revise and promote best practices with your help. Please ASAP any information that would help us make these procedures better as you begin to use them on the line.

Thank you for what you do!

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