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## CALPIA Begins Cloth Face Mask Production for CDCR Staff and Offenders in Response to COVID-19 Pandemic

*10,000 masks currently being produced daily at seven CDCR institutions*

FOLSOM – To help prevent the spread of COVID-19 within the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) prisons, the California Prison Industry Authority (CALPIA) has started producing reusable cloth barrier masks to meet some of the supply needs of staff and offenders.

“Just like private and public industries, we are pivoting some of our existing programs to help produce these masks so we can contribute to the response against COVID-19,” said CALPIA’s General Manager Scott Walker. “I am proud of how quickly CALPIA’s team has responded and is contributing.”

CALPIA started producing the masks at Mule Creek State Prison (MCSP) on March 23, 2020 with production expanding to CALPIA’s other Fabric Enterprises. In addition to MCSP, the masks are now being produced at the California Institution for Women, California Men’s Colony, Sierra Conservation Center, Correctional Training Facility, California Correctional Institution, and Centinela State Prison.

CALPIA has made approximately 17,000 barrier masks and is currently producing 10,000 per day.

CALPIA will deliver the masks to the institutions for both staff and offender use.

The masks are made of 100 percent cotton twill and elastic and have two layers. CALPIA collaborated with Maryland Correctional Industries and Allina Health to develop a suitable mask.

The barrier masks are washable. In addition to CALPIA laundering the masks following the California Code of Regulations – Title 22 standards for laundry and hospital linens, instructions are being provided on how to properly wash them individually.

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