

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**PERSONNEL OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM**



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**By Order of the Surgeon General of the U.S. Public Health Service:**

**RADM Kenneth P. Moritsugu, Acting Surgeon General**

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**TO:** All Regular and Reserve Corps Officers on Extended Active Duty

**SUBJECT:** Uniform Cover – Emergency Assembly Areas

1. During evacuations of Federal buildings, whether for a drill or an actual emergency, it is imperative that all building employees and visitors exit in a safe, orderly, and efficient manner. To facilitate expeditious evacuation for officers of the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service, I am hereby designating the assembly points located outside of Federal buildings in the Washington, DC, metroplex as “covered areas.” When in an evacuation or emergency egress status, you are not required to wear a cover while assembled outside Federal buildings.
2. The purpose of this uniform directive is to avoid hazards that may be associated with retrieving your cover during an evacuation. For any safety situation, you should ensure that you know the location of your assigned assembly point and know the name and identity of your assembly point coordinator.
3. I encourage Local Uniform Authorities outside the Washington, DC area to institute similar operational instructions.

/s/  
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Acting Surgeon General