How to Wear

Wear a mask **correctly** and **consistently** for the best protection.

- Be sure to wash your hands before putting on a mask
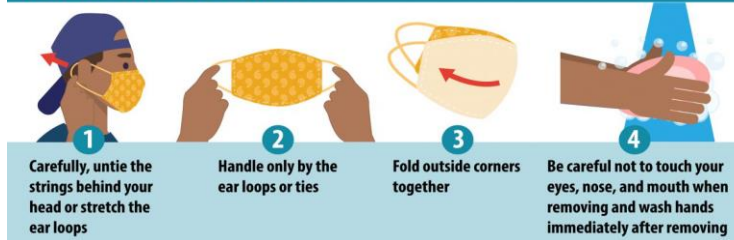- Do **NOT** touch the mask when wearing it

Do wear a mask that

- Covers your nose and mouth and secure it under your chin
- Fits snugly against the sides of your face

For more information, visit our How to Wear Masks web page.

How NOT to wear a mask

| Around your neck | On your forehead | Under your nose | Only on your nose |

| On your chin | Dangling from one ear | On your arm |

How to take off a mask

1. Carefully, untie the strings behind your head or stretch the ear loops
2. Handle only by the ear loops or ties
3. Fold outside corners together
4. Be careful not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth when removing and wash hands immediately after removing

How to Clean your Mask.

Masks should be washed regularly. Always remove masks correctly and wash your hands after handling or touching a used mask.

- Include your mask with your regular laundry
- Use regular laundry detergent and the warmest appropriate water setting for the cloth used to make the mask
- Use the highest heat setting and leave in the dryer until completely dry

How to Select your mask?

DO choose masks that

- Have two or more layers of washable, breathable fabric
- Completely cover your nose and mouth
- Fit snugly against the sides of your face and don't have gaps

DO NOT choose masks that

- Are made of fabric that makes it hard to breathe, for example, vinyl
- Have exhalation valves or vents, which allow virus particles to escape
- Are intended for healthcare workers, including N95 respirators or surgical masks

Caution: Gaiters & Face Shields

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Special Situations: Children

- If you are able, find a mask that is made for children
- If you can't find a mask made for children, check to be sure the mask fits snugly over the nose and mouth and under the chin
- Do NOT put on children younger than 2 years old