Face Mask Safety

Hand made or disposable face masks can provide a layer of protection against the spread of germs when used along with social distancing. However, it is important to properly put on, wear, and remove your mask to avoid cross-contamination.

How To Safely Wear a Mask

Put on the mask:

- 1. Clean hands with soap & water or hand sanitizer before touching your mask.
- 2. Hold the mask by the loops. Place a loop around each ear.
- 3. For a mask with ties, hold each string. Bring mask to your face covering your mouth and nose. Then tie it behind your head.
- 4. Secure the mask above your nose and below chin.

Wear the mask:

- 1. Wear the mask in public places, especially in areas where people will be such as the pharmacy or grocery store.
- 2. Maintain a distance of 6-feet between you and others.

Remove the mask:

- 1. Clean hands with soap and water or hand sanitizer before touching the mask.
- 2. Avoid touching the front of the mask (the front has been contaminated).
- 3. Hold both ear loops to gently lift and remover the mask., being careful not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- 4. Wash your mask immediately.
- 5. Wash your hands
- 6. Only wear clean masks. If your mask is hand made, it's a good idea to have a few extra that you can rotate.



Caution!

The following people should NOT wear a cloth mask:

- Children under 2
- People who have trouble breathing
- Anyone who is unconscious
- People who cannot remove the mask on their own
- Healthcare workers should use extreme caution when using hand made face masks.







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