

COVID-19 PREVENTATIVE MEASURES

Face coverings can be an effective means of slowing the spread of the infectious agent for many respiratory illnesses and may help slow the spread of COVID-19. Wearing a face covering does NOT provide complete protection and does not replace other ways of slowing virus spread such as:

- Staying away from public places & group gatherings
- Washing hands and using hand sanitizer often

immediately placed with dirty laundry, or

Wash your hands after handling a used face

washing is not an option. If possible, wash

your face after removing a face covering. Cloth face coverings should be washed in hot

water after each use. Follow CDC guidelines

covering or use hand sanitizer if hand

stored in a plastic bag until they can be

properly cleaned.

- Practicing physical distancing
- Avoiding touching eyes, nose and mouth

HOW SHOULD FACE COVERINGS BE **HOW DO MASKS AND CLOTH HANDI FD? FACE COVERINGS WORK?**

- · Masks and cloth face coverings should be Proper use may restrict the handled assuming they are contaminated spread of virus from an with the virus causing COVID-19. infected person, or prevent Face coverings should be removed without a healthy person from touching the inside. They should be becoming infected.
 - Facemasks are tested for their ability to trap viruses in respiratory droplets moving at high velocity, such as in a cough or sneeze.



HOW SHOULD FACE COVERINGS BE WORN?

- Cloth face coverings can be uncomfortable to wear. A proper fit is tight over the nose, mouth and chin.
 - Shaving is not necessary for cloth face coverings or surgical masks.
- Cloth face coverings can help reduce disease transmission but wearing one does not provide absolute protection.
- According to CDC, wear cloth face coverings whenever interacting with the public or when caring for someone who is sick or may be infected.
- It is not necessary to wear a face covering while at home or outside for exercise.



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HOW SHOULD FACE COVERINGS BE **HANDLED?**

- · Masks and cloth face coverings should be handled assuming they are contaminated with the virus causing COVID-19.
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