

FAQ

Mask Wearing at School



What is a cloth mask?

A mask is made of at least two layers of tightly woven fabric. It must be comfortable to wear and large enough to cover the nose, mouth, and sides of your child(ren)'s face. It must be free of tears and holes and allow your child to breathe easily.



How many masks should my child bring to school each day?

We recommend that each student bring two clean masks to school each day. Having two masks on hand allows your child to have a spare one in case the first one gets dirty.



How should my child remove the mask?

Before removing a mask, your child should wash his or her hands with soap and warm water or use hand sanitizer.

The mask can be removed by loosening the ties or removing the elastics from the ears. If the mask is to be worn more than once during the day, it can be grasped by the elastics or ties and then placed in a storage bag or container for future use. If the mask needs to be washed, it can be placed in the plastic bag or storage container labelled for this purpose so it can be taken home for washing.



How should I take care of my child's masks?

When a mask gets wet, it should be removed and stored in the bag labelled used or dirty. Used masks should be washed daily in hot soapy water and allowed to dry before being worn again.

The mask should not hang around your child's neck or ears. It should also not be worn under the nose or chin.

You can remind your child not to share his or her mask and not to touch it while wearing it. When the mask is not being worn at school, it should be placed in a plastic bag or storage container.



How should my child put on the mask?

Before putting on a mask, your child should wash his or her hands with soap and warm water or use hand sanitizer.

The mask should be opened completely and then placed over the nose, mouth, and chin and secured with head ties or elastic ear loops. If there is a nose support, it can be pinched around the nose for a better fit so there is no space between the face and the mask.



How should my child store masks when they are not in use?

Masks can be stored in plastic bags or storage containers, in your child's backpack. Used or dirty masks can be stored in a different plastic bag or storage container. You can label the bag or container so your child knows where to put used masks that need to be washed. It is a good idea to put your child's name on the masks so they are not accidentally used by other children.