

## WEAR FACEMASKS TO SLOW THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

The State of Oregon and the City of Manzanita require that masks be worn on sidewalks and in stores and businesses

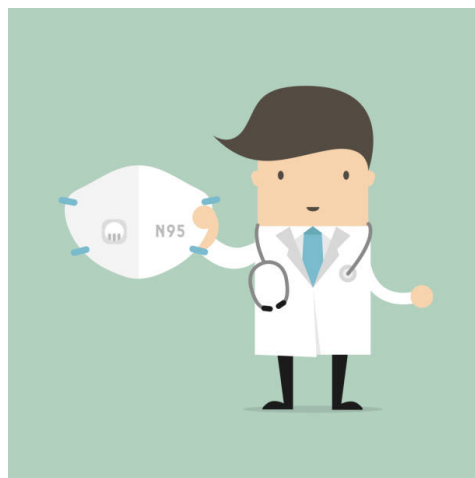


- Masks have been shown to be effective both in protecting yourself and others from Covid-19.
- Masks must be used in combination with frequent handwashing (with soap and water or hand sanitizer) AND physical distancing.
- Know how to use and dispose of your mask properly.
  - Wash your hands with soap and water (or use hand sanitizer) BEFORE you put your mask on.
  - Cover both your mouth and nose with your mask. Make sure there are no gaps between your face and the mask.
  - Avoid touching the mask while using it; if you do, clean your hands with soap and water or hand sanitizer.
  - Replace the mask with a new one as soon as it is damp or soiled. Do not re-use single-use masks.
  - To remove the mask: touch only the ear loops or ties. Discard single use masks immediately in a closed bin. After removing mask, clean your hands with soap and water or hand sanitizer.
  - If you are using a fabric mask, wash it (by hand or in washing machine) in warm/hot soapy water, rinse well, and dry AFTER EACH USE.



## WHAT KINDS OF MASKS ARE BEST?

- N95 masks should be reserved for medical personnel.
- Disposable blue pleated paper surgical masks are available and are effective, but they are single use.
- Cloth masks are best for the average person at average risk. They are widely available, and patterns are available for crafty folks who want to make their own.
  - The best masks have 3 layers
    - An outer cotton/poly layer
    - A middle filter layer, or a filter pocket for a disposable filter
      - The filter layer can be polypropylene, silk, or nonwoven filter material
    - An absorbent inner layer, preferably cotton, which is most comfortable against the skin
  - Choose a mask with a nose wire for a close fit, and to minimize glasses fogging
  - Choose a mask that extends well under your chin. Some masks have a fitted chin piece to improve fit.
  - Masks can have either elastic ear loops or ties that tie behind your head. If you wear glasses and/or hearing aids, ties will probably be more comfortable.



## MASKS NOT TO USE

- Any mask with a valve. These masks will NOT protect others from your germs!
- Masks made of thin fabric. Hold your mask up to the light – if you can see spaces between the threads, the fabric is too thin to be effective. Also try blowing out a candle while wearing your mask – if you can, your mask isn't as effective.
- Bandanas or neck gaiters – These can't be made to fit well enough over your nose and mouth.
- Fleece masks or neck gaiters – these may actually increase spread of infective particles
- Face shields worn alone are NOT effective against spread of Covid-19. If you want to use a face shield to protect your eyes, you can, but you still need to wear a mask as well.

## HOW NOT TO WEAR A MASK

- Under your chin
- Under your nose
- Over your nose but not your mouth
- Hanging off one ear
- In your pocket



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