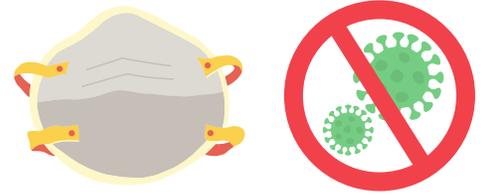


Tips for Using and Reusing N95 or KN95 Masks

Why Wear N95 or KN95 Masks:

Compared to cloth or surgical masks, N95 and KN95 masks offer the best protection. The “95” in the name means it filters out 95 percent of microparticles, like the Coronavirus particles.



How to Correctly Wear These Masks:

- Completely cover the nose and mouth.
- Fit tightly against the sides of the face without gaps.
- Only touch the straps. Do not touch the fabric of the mask.
- Avoid touching the mask while wearing it.
- Wash your hands before and after removing the mask.
- Wear alone and not with another mask.



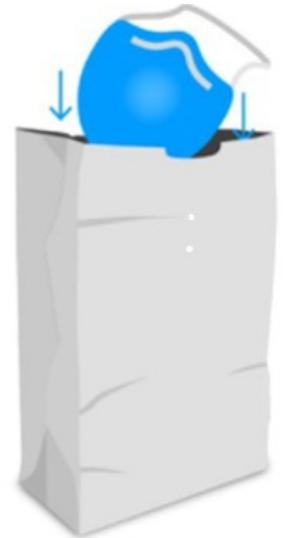
Scan QR code for more information on how to correctly wear and take off these masks.



How to Store and Reuse Masks:

N95 and KN95 masks can be reused with correct care and storage.

- Hopefully, you have 2-3 masks you can rotate.
- DO NOT SHARE MASKS. Only reuse your own mask.
- Wait 24-48 hours before using a mask again.
- Put your mask in a paper bag (NOT plastic bag), close, and write the date on the bag OR hang in a cool and dry place.



When to Throw Them Away:

You should replace your N95 or KN95 if it:

- Becomes dirty or wet
- No longer covers the nose and mouth tightly
- Does not stay on the face
- Has holes or tears in the fabric
- The straps are stretched out or damaged
- Becomes difficult to breathe through

For more information, visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/types-of-masks.html>.

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