

Cloth Masks

Care and Cleaning Instructions



Steps to Apply a Clean Cloth Mask

1. Perform hand hygiene.
2. Secure ear loops behind ears.
3. Mold metal piece to nose bridge.
4. Perform hand hygiene.
5. Keep hands away from face and do not touch the front of the mask.

Steps to Remove and Store Cloth Masks

Anytime your cloth mask is removed (doffed), it must be stored in a hospital-provided paper bag.

1. Write your name, location and date on the hospital-provided paper bag.
2. Perform hand hygiene.
3. Open the paper bag, and ensure it is standing up.
4. To remove your mask.
 - a) Lean forward
 - b) Touch only the straps behind your ears.
 - c) Remove the straps from your ears and allow the mask to fall away from your face.
 - d) Using the straps, place the mask inside the paper bag with the outside of the mask down.
5. Fold the top of the bag closed.
6. Perform hand hygiene.
7. Store in a designated area.
8. Perform hand hygiene.

Steps to Apply a Used Cloth Mask

1. Perform hand hygiene.
2. Remove your previously used cloth mask from the paper bag by only touching the ear loops.
3. Place the mask on face by only touching the ear loops.
4. Adjust the mask by only touching the outermost edge of the cloth mask.
5. Discard the paper bag – do not reuse it.
6. Perform hand hygiene

Additional information

- Do not touch the front of the mask, and if so, immediately perform hand hygiene.
- Once a reusable mask becomes wet, damaged, or soiled, it must be removed and placed in the provided bag to be taken home to launder.

Laundering Your Cloth Mask

1. Transport the mask home in the hospital-provided paper bag.
2. Prepare to remove the cloth mask from the bag.
 - a) Perform hand hygiene.
 - b) Unfold the bag. Touch only the outside of the bag.
 - c) Empty the mask directly into washing machine or sink.
 - d) Dispose of the paper bag immediately.
 - e) Perform hand hygiene.
3. Wash your mask with laundry detergent.
 - a) Use warm or cold water (NOT HOT).
 - b) Mask may be machine washed or handwashed.
4. Dry your mask.
 - a) Air drying is best.
 - b) If using a dryer, set at a low temp to protect the polypropylene filter.