

Safe Mask Use & Handling

All masks, whether surgical (paper) masks, dust masks, or cloth masks, share some basic handling rules.

Four Important Rules to Keep in Mind



RULE #1

Each mask is for the exclusive use of one person only (even after cleaning).



RULE #3

Wash hands thoroughly before and after handling the mask, whether it is to put on, adjust, or remove.



RULE #2

Always treat the mask as being infected. Do NOT touch or handle any part of the mask other than the ear straps as the virus may be on the exterior of the mask.

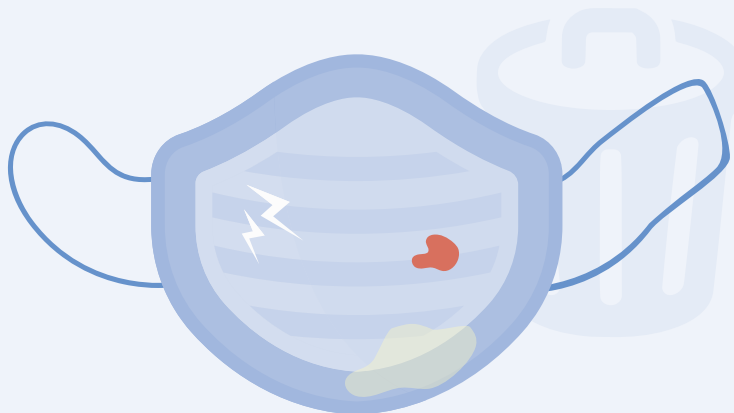


RULE #4

Store mask following advised storage and cleaning procedures.

Signs of Mask Defects or Contamination

Examine the mask when putting it on and off and **discard** if you see:



- Rips, tears, or holes.
- Blood, respiratory or nasal secretions, or other bodily fluids on the mask.
- Broken nosepiece or other broken fit enhancements.
- Moisture or discoloration.
- Straps are stretched and do not provide a good fit.