

# Answers to Common Questions About Masks

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- It is mandatory that all students, staff, and anyone else entering the building wear a face mask.
  - COVID-19 [spreads](#) mainly from person to person through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, talks, or raises their voice (e.g., while shouting, chanting, or singing). These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.
- Each student and staff member will be provided a cloth mask (washable/reusable)
  - It is the expectation that at the end of the day each student and staff member will take the cloth face masks home for proper laundering. Each person must launder or rotate masks in order to have a clean mask each day. For this reason, it may be beneficial for individuals to purchase additional masks for convenience.
  - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/how-to-wash-cloth-face-coverings.html>
- Forgotten or soiled masks:
  - The RN offices and administrative assistants have an extra supply of surgical facemasks in both child and adult sizes for as needed use.
  - Limited quantities of extra masks, but the facemask should be removed and discarded if soiled, damaged, or hard to breathe through.
- How to properly wash:
  - You can include your face covering with your regular laundry.
  - Use regular laundry detergent and the warmest appropriate water setting for the cloth used to make the face covering.
  - Dry on the highest appropriate heat setting for the material or air dry.
- Removal/storage of masks (lunch, medication administration, etc.)
  - Untie the strings behind your head or stretch the ear loops
  - Handle only by the ear loops or ties
  - Fold outside corners together.
  - If it will be off for lunch, after folding outside corners, place into a Ziplock bag (leave unzipped). Wash hands or use hand sanitizer.
- N95 Masks
  - N95 masks require fit testing to ensure efficacy. This must be done by a trained professional with access to the testing kit.
  - Not recommended by CDC for use in the educational setting.
  - If you are immunocompromised, please reach out to your healthcare provider for guidance.



