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Please Wear a Mask in Public

In light of new data about how COVID-19 spreads, along with evidence of widespread COVID-19 illness in communities across the country, CDC recommends that people wear a [cloth face covering](#) to cover their nose and mouth in the community setting. This is an additional public health measure people should take to reduce the spread of COVID-19 **in addition to** (not instead of) social distancing, frequent hand cleaning and other everyday preventive actions. A cloth face covering is not intended to protect the wearer, but may prevent the spread of virus from the wearer to others. This would be especially important in the event that someone is infected but does not have symptoms. A cloth face covering should be worn whenever people must go into public settings (grocery stores, for example). Medical masks and N-95 respirators are reserved for healthcare workers and other first responders, as recommended by current CDC guidance.

***Children younger than 2 years of age are listed as an exception and should not wear a cloth face covering because of concerns that they might suffocate.*

For more information visit:

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html#anchor_1584386949645

