

Should I wear a mask to protect myself from COVID-19?



The CDC is **not currently recommending** facemasks for the general public.



Masks are **only** recommended for **caregivers** of patients with communicable illness and **patients** with a fever or cough.



Surgical masks are designed to provide the wearer protection against **large** droplets, splashes or sprays of bodily or other hazardous fluids.



Surgical masks are loose fitting and don't provide the wearer with a **reliable level of protection** from inhaling smaller airborne particles and are not considered respiratory protection.



Surgical masks are **disposable** and should be discarded after use.

