

# Wearing a Mask at School

## FAQs



### What is a community mask?

A community mask is at least two layers of tightly woven fabric. It should be comfortable to wear and large enough to cover your child's nose, mouth and the sides of their face. There should be no tears or holes and it should allow for easy breathing.



### How many masks should my child(ren) bring to school every day?

We recommend each child bring two clean masks to school every day. That way, they have a backup mask in case one gets dirty.



### How should my child take off their mask?

Before removing their mask, your child should wash their hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer.

The mask can be removed by untying it or removing the loops from the ears. If the mask is to be worn more than once during the day, it can be held by the loops or the ties and placed in the plastic bag or storage container for future use. If the mask needs to be washed, it can be placed in the marked plastic bag or storage container and returned home for washing.



### How do I take care of my child's masks?

When a mask becomes damp, it should be removed and stored in the bag labelled for dirty masks. Used masks need to be washed daily with hot, soapy water and let dry before wearing it again.

The mask should not hang around your child's neck or ears. It also should not be worn below the nose or the chin.

You should remind your child to not share their mask and to not touch it while wearing it. When the mask is not worn in school, it should be placed in the plastic bag or storage container.



### How should my child put on their mask?

Before putting a mask on, your child should wash their hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer.

The mask should be opened fully, placed over the nose, mouth and chin, and then secured with ties or ear loops. If there is a nose bar, it should be pinched around the nose for a better fit so there are no gaps between face and mask.



### How should my child store their masks when they are not in use?

Masks can be stored in plastic bags or containers in their backpack. Used or dirty masks should be stored in a separate plastic bag or container. You can label the bags or containers, so your child knows where to place a used mask that needs to be washed. It is best to label your child's masks with their name, so they are not used by others accidentally.