How to Wear a Mask like a Health Hero!

Help slow the spread by wearing a mask—the right way!
When you breathe, cough or sneeze you can send virus droplets out into the air. If you carry the virus and you send these little droplets out, they can infect your friends or family. Even if you are not sick, the virus could make people around you very sick. If you need to go out, wearing a cloth mask can help prevent the spread of the virus, especially in places where it’s hard to stay at least six feet away from others. Masks are only for children over two years old.

**DO**
- wash your hands before putting your mask on
- cover your nose and mouth with your mask
- make sure your mask fits snug against the sides of your face
- tie mask behind your head or hook behind your ears
- wear masks that include more than one layer of fabric
- use a fabric that can be washed and dried easily if making your own mask

**DON’T**
- pull your mask down until you’re away from others
- wear your mask too loose or too tight
- touch your mask frequently with your hands, or pull it down to talk to someone
- hold it to your face with your hands
- make a mask so thick it’s hard to breathe
- use masks needed for healthcare providers that are in short supply

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Information above sourced from the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Atrium Health’s “Masks: Do This, Not That.”

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