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# CLOTH FACE COVERINGS

## Frequently asked questions

### **Q - Should I wear a face covering when I go out in public?**

**A -** To help slow the spread of COVID-19, the City of Boerne recommends that all people over the age of 5 years should wear a cloth face covering over their nose and mouth when in a public place where it is difficult to stay six feet away from others. This is in line with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) released on April 3. Residents must continue social distancing while outside their home performing essential activities, as outlined in the Mayor's Disaster Declaration orders.

### **Q - What type of face covering should I use?**

**A -** Coverings may include homemade masks, scarfs, bandanas, or a handkerchief. Medical masks or N-95 respirators are NOT for public use, as they are in short supply and should be conserved for healthcare workers and first responders.

### **Q - Is there a correct way wear a homemade or cloth face covering?**

**A -** Yes, according to the CDC, cloth coverings should:

- ◆ Fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face
- ◆ Be secured with ties or ear loops
- ◆ Include multiple layers of fabric
- ◆ Allow for breathing without restriction
- ◆ Be able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape
- ◆ Individuals should be careful not to touch their eyes, nose, and mouth when removing their face covering and wash hands immediately after removing.

### **Q - Should I wash my cloth face covering?**

**A -** Yes, the CDC recommends that cloth face coverings be routinely washed depending on the frequency of use. A washing machine should suffice in properly washing a cloth face covering or mask.

### **Q - Where can I find instructions on how to make my own face covering?**

**A -** Information on how to make your own cloth face coverings fashioned from household items or made at home from common materials at low cost can be found on the CDC website

**Visit: [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)**

***"WE NEED TO ASSUME THAT EVERYONE HAS COVID-19  
AND THAT IT'S EVERYWHERE!"***

***- Mayor Tim Handren***