

# KN95 Mask Fact Sheet



## How to properly wear a KN95 mask:

- A KN95 mask is best used to provide an additional layer of protection underneath a two-layer cloth mask
- Masks should not allow air to leak out from the sides. To ensure a proper fit:
  - Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water before putting on a mask.
  - Hold the ear loop mask and nosepiece facing up and position the mask under your chin.
  - Stretch the ear loops over each ear.
  - Position the mask low on your nose and using both hands, mold the nosepiece to the shape of your nose by pushing downward and outward while moving your fingertips down both sides of the nosepiece.
  - Perform a fit check by placing both hands completely over the mask. Be careful not to disturb the position of the mask, and exhale sharply. If air leaks, adjust the nosepiece.

## When placing, removing and handling your mask:

- Wash your hands before and after placing, removing, or handling your mask
- Hold it only by the ear loops and place it into a storage container face down
- Store your mask in a brown paper bag with top folded over or a Rubbermaid-type container face down with the lid in place loosely
- Lift your mask from storage and put it in place by the ear loops. Avoid touching the inside of the mask while positioning it on your face

## KN95 masks may not be appropriate for the following populations:

- Those with respiratory disease or difficulty breathing, as this mask may make breathing difficult.
- Those with facial hair may not be able to achieve proper fit of the KN95 mask
- These masks are not to be used in children

## Do not use the mask:

- If it is visibly soiled or damaged
- If breathing becomes difficult

Masks can be air-dried and reused so long as the seal remains effective and is not visibly damaged or soiled. As a reminder, please wear the KN-95 under a surgical or two-layer cloth mask to protect the KN-95 from becoming soiled.

## Masks should be discarded when:

- Visibly soiled or damaged
- No longer forms an effective seal to the face