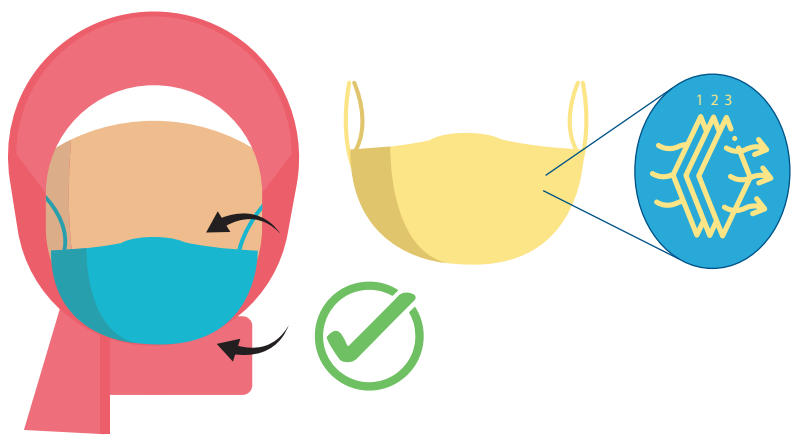


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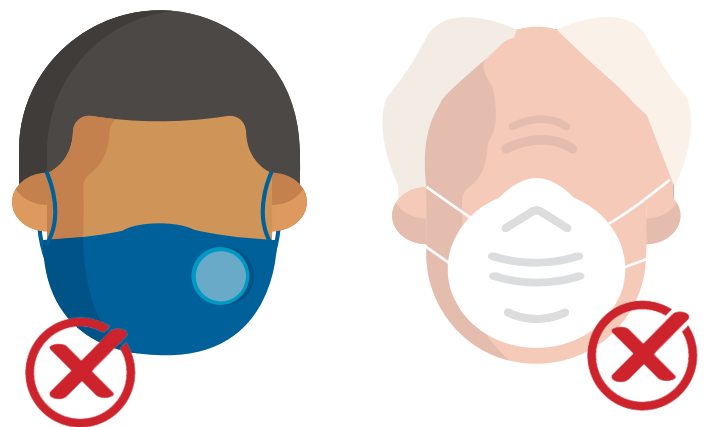
Face masks work best when everyone wears them consistently and correctly over their mouth and nose. Face masks protect the wearer and those around them. However, not all face masks offer the same protection.

When choosing a face mask, make sure it:



- Has two or more layers of breathable, tightly woven material;
- Completely covers your nose and mouth; and
- Fits snugly against your face, including on the sides, and has no gaps.

Do not use masks that:



- Are made of loosely woven fabrics.
- Are made of a fabric that is hard to breathe through such as vinyl, leather or plastic.
- Have valves, vents or holes.
- Are NIOSH-approved N95 respirators unless you are in a setting that requires these. NIOSH-approved N95 respirators are critical supplies that are meant for healthcare workers and first responders.
- Bandanas and scarves are not recommended (unless you wear a mask underneath).

Los Angeles County Requirements:

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's Safer at Work and in the Community Health Officer Order requires all persons wear a face mask over both the nose and mouth whenever they leave their place of residence and are or can be in contact with or walking near or past others who are non-household members in both public and private places, whether indoors or outdoors.

Exemptions: Face masks should not be placed on young children under age 2 or anyone who is unconscious and should not be used by anyone who has trouble breathing or is unable to remove the face mask without assistance. Those instructed not to wear a face mask by a medical provider are also exempt from wearing one. Children ages 2-8 should wear a mask only when under with adult supervision.

Source: Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
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