

COMPARING FACE COVERINGS

Face coverings help reduce the spread of COVID-19 by reducing droplets if the face covering is over the nose and mouth. Face coverings are important when in close proximity to others and you are unable to socially distance.



PERMITTED

Face coverings **should**—

- Completely cover nose and mouth
- 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 laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape
- Be pulled so that the bottom part of the mask is below the chin.



A face shield can be worn over a mask to provide additional eye protection.

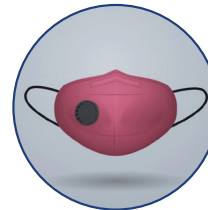


NOT PERMITTED



Face coverings **should not** be worn under the nose, around the neck or forehead.

Studies have shown that neck sleeves/gaiters, bandanas or scarves are less effective than other types of face masks and **should not** be worn.



Face coverings **should not** have an exhalation valve; although the valve allows you to exhale, it expels germs into the air and doesn't protect others.



Face coverings **should not** be made of mesh material; mesh does not cover the mouth and nose.



A face shield without a mask **does not** provide adequate protection.