

Public Health & Social Services

As of June 26, 2020, a statewide facial covering mandate is in effect.

You must wear a face covering in indoor public settings like the grocery store, pharmacy, hardware store, health clinic, and other locations. You must also wear a face covering outside when you cannot keep 6 feet away from others.



When do I not have to wear a face covering?

You do not need to wear a cloth face covering when you are in your own home, in your car, or only with people in your own household. You also do not need to wear a cloth face covering when you are exercising outdoors and you have plenty of space. It's a good idea to keep one in your pocket, though, in case you come across other people you can't stay six feet away from.

I don't want to make or buy a face covering. Are there other options?

Cloth face coverings do not need to be complicated or expensive. Easy alternatives include a scarf or any breathable, washable fabric. Wrap it around your face so that a couple layers of fabric are completely covering your mouth and nose.

Face Coverings – Statewide Order of the Washington State Secretary of Health https://bit.ly/3fSrXFp

Guidance on cloth face coverings from Washington Department of Health (DOH) https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/ClothFacemasks.pdf

Cloth face coverings – the do's and don'ts of wearing them from Washington DOH https://medium.com/wadepthealth/cloth-face-coverings-6f083b366fab

Additional Resources about cloth face coverings from Washington DOH

https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/NovelCoronavirusOutbreak2020COVID19/ResourcesandRecommendations/ClothFaceCoveringsandMasks