Face Coverings

The primary purpose of a cloth face covering is to prevent the spread of coronavirus between people interacting in close proximity where social distancing measures cannot be maintained.

To the extent practical, DOD requires all persons on DOD property, installations, and facilities to wear cloth face coverings when they cannot maintain 6 feet of social distance in public areas or work centers (not to include housing).*

* For the guidance, visit https://media.defense.gov/2020/Apr/05/2002275059/-1/-1/1/DOD-GUIDANCE-ON-THE-USE-OF-CLOTH-FACE-COVERINGS.PDF

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- Do not place cloth face coverings on children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the covering without assistance.
- Clean your hands with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer before and after putting on the cloth face covering.
- Ensure your nose, mouth and chin are covered; ensure the areas around the nose, sides, and chin are tight, but do not restrict your ability to breathe.
- Avoid touching the cloth face covering. Remove by grasping the elastic ear bands or untying. Do not touch the front of the covering.
- Routinely wash by hand, or in a washing machine, using warm water and regular detergent.

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Make a cloth face covering from a t-shirt

1. Cut out
2. Cut tie strings
3. Tie strings around neck, then over top of head

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