



June 19, 2020

Dear Kids' Country families,

Yesterday in Governor Gavin Newsom's press briefing, he announced that masks are now required when out in public for everyone ages three and over. It is not recommended that children, who are 2 years old and younger, wear a mask as it may lead to suffocation.

As we learn more about COVID-19, public health officials have issued guidelines that require face coverings to limit the release of infected droplets when talking, coughing, and/or sneezing, as well as reinforce physical distancing. They are finding that people who are infected but are asymptomatic or pre-symptomatic contribute to the community spread of the coronavirus. Attached to this letter is a PDF from Center for Disease Control on face coverings.

In light of this new law, Kids' Country will be requiring all children to wear a breathable mask while indoors. We will make every effort to support and encourage face coverings with your child. They will not be required to wear a mask while playing outside and of course, while eating. As licensed facility under Department of Social Services Community Care Licensing, this new regulation is mandatory.

We thank you for your support and understanding as we implement this new regulation effective Monday, June 22nd. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your Site Director or you can email me at atancioco@kidscountry.org.

Stay Healthy,

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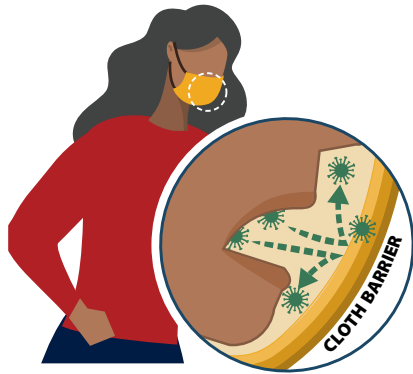
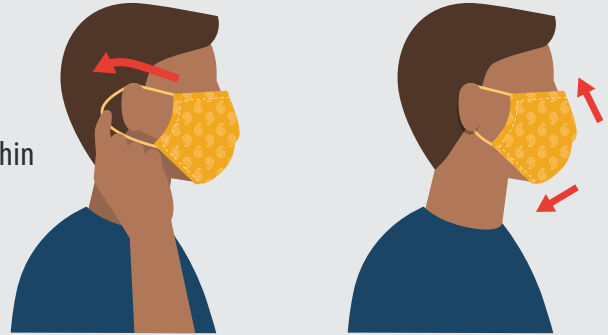
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How to Safely Wear and Take Off a Cloth Face Covering

Accessible: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>

WEAR YOUR FACE COVERING CORRECTLY

- Wash your hands before putting on your face covering
- Put it over your nose and mouth and secure it under your chin
- Try to fit it snugly against the sides of your face
- Make sure you can breathe easily
- Do not place a mask on a child younger than 2



USE THE FACE COVERING TO HELP PROTECT OTHERS

- Wear a face covering to help protect others in case you're infected but don't have symptoms
- Keep the covering on your face the entire time you're in public
- Don't put the covering around your neck or up on your forehead
- Don't touch the face covering, and, if you do, clean your hands

FOLLOW EVERYDAY HEALTH HABITS

- Stay at least 6 feet away from others
- Avoid contact with people who are sick
- Wash your hands often, with soap and water, for at least 20 seconds each time
- Use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available



TAKE OFF YOUR CLOTH FACE COVERING CAREFULLY, WHEN YOU'RE HOME

- Untie the strings behind your head or stretch the ear loops
- Handle only by the ear loops or ties
- Fold outside corners together
- Place covering in the washing machine
- Wash your hands with soap and water



Cloth face coverings are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators, both of which should be saved for health care workers and other medical first responders.

For instructions on making a cloth face covering, see:

[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)