



Caring for **FACE MASKS IN CHILD CARE**

With a few simple steps, children and providers alike can keep their face masks clean and safe to use!

How to Store It

When a mask isn't being worn, store in a paper bag or other breathable container, marked with the child's name.

How to Take It Off

When taking off a face mask, teach children to:



Wash hands or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with 60%+ alcohol.



Place their mask directly into their personal paper bag or container.



Don't touch the front of the mask or their face.



Wash hands again.



Remove the mask by pulling the ear loops or untying the ties.



How to Put It On

When it's time to put their face mask back on, teach children to remove their mask from their paper bag or container by grabbing the ear loops or ties. They can put it back on their face by touching the outside of the mask and the ear loops or ties.

Wash Daily

Bring face masks home for washing at the end of each day to be cleaned before using again.



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