

# FACE COVERING REQUIREMENTS FOR AIR TRAVELLERS

The Government of Canada is asking that **all travellers have a removable non-medical mask or face covering large enough to cover their mouth and nose during their travel through Canadian airports and in-flight.**

Travellers must confirm that they have in their possession the mandatory non-medical mask or face covering as part of the registration or check-in process otherwise they will **not** be allowed to continue on their journey.

**At a minimum**, travellers will be asked to wear the non-medical mask or face covering:

- ✓ at **airport screening checkpoints**;
- ✓ **during the flight** when they cannot physically distance from others, including at all times when they are 2 metres or less from another person, except another occupant of the person's private home; or
- ✓ **as directed** by an official of the air operator, the Canadian Air Transport Security Authority, a Canada Border Services Agency officer, or a Canadian public health official.

## EXCEPTIONS

Face coverings must **not** be worn under the following circumstances:

- ✗ **children under two** years old;
- ✗ passengers **with breathing difficulties unrelated to COVID-19**;
- ✗ **at the boarding gate**, after handing documents to the air carrier representative, a passenger will be asked to step back to an appropriate distance and **lower their face covering for identity verification**. After the verification is complete, the passenger can then **re-cover their mouth and nose before** collecting their documents;
- ✗ **during the flight**, when the safety of the person could be endangered by wearing a face covering; or when the person is eating, drinking or taking oral medications; and
- ✗ **at the Customs-controlled area** of the airport. Travellers will need to **lower their face covering to have their photo taken at the Primary Inspection Kiosk** or when asked to do so by a Canada Border Services Agency officer or a Public Health Agency of Canada and/or provincial or territorial official.

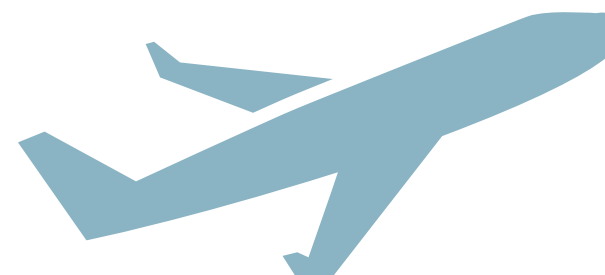
Wearing a face covering over the mouth and nose is an important additional measure that all travellers can take to protect those around them. Air travellers are encouraged to **wear a non-medical mask or face covering whenever possible**, especially in situations where physical distancing guidelines cannot be maintained. Refusal to comply with the wearing of a non-medical mask or face covering could result in a fine of \$5,000.00. Travellers are also reminded to **practice good hygiene** by frequently washing their hands and sneezing into their sleeve or a tissue.

### NON-MEDICAL MASKS OR FACE COVERINGS SHOULD:

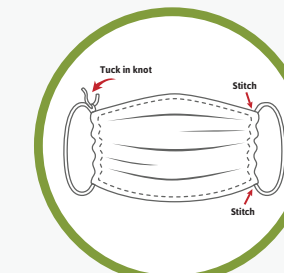
- ✓ Be made of multiple layers of absorbent fabric (e.g., cotton);
- ✓ Cover the mouth and nose without gaps;
- ✓ Fit securely to the head with ties or ear loops;
- ✓ Allow for easy breathing;
- ✓ Be changed as soon as possible if damp or dirty; and
- ✓ Stay the same shape after machine washing and drying.

### NON-MEDICAL MASKS OR FACE COVERINGS SHOULD NOT:

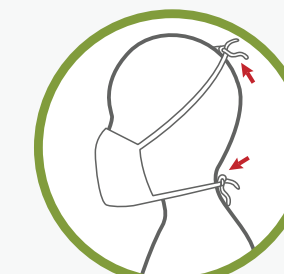
- ✗ Be placed on infants (e.g., children under the age of 2 years old);
- ✗ Be placed on anyone who has trouble breathing;
- ✗ Be placed on anyone who is unconscious;
- ✗ Be placed on someone who is incapacitated or unable to remove it without assistance;
- ✗ Be made exclusively of plastic sheeting or materials that easily fall apart (e.g., tissues);
- ✗ Be shared with others; and
- ✗ Impair vision or interfere with tasks.



## EXAMPLES OF REMOVABLE NON-MEDICAL MASKS AND FACE COVERINGS MADE OF CLOTH:



**SEWN MASK**



**NO-SEW MASK USING A T-SHIRT**



**NO-SEW MASK USING A FOLDED SCARF/BANDANA AND RUBBER BANDS/HAIR TIES**

For more information on making face coverings consult: [www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/prevention-risks/instructions-sew-no-sew-cloth-face-covering.html](http://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/prevention-risks/instructions-sew-no-sew-cloth-face-covering.html)