

KN95 MASKS: BEST PRACTICES FOR THOSE CONSIDERING REUSE

KN95 masks are designed for one time use, however with proper care you can consider reusing them for a period of time. Please note: These best practices are not applicable to medical use of KN95 masks or N95 respirators.

- **Store** masks in a clean bag or container between uses. To minimize potential cross-contamination, store masks individually and label with the name of the person using the mask. Storage containers should be disposed of or disinfected regularly.
- **Wash hands** with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer before and after touching or adjusting the mask.
- **Avoid** touching the inside of the mask. If inadvertent contact is made with the inside of the mask, wash hands with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- **Inspect** KN95 masks for physical damage before reuse.
- **Do Not Share:** KN95 masks can only be used by a single wearer.
- **Discard** KN95 masks if they are wet or dirty.
- **Discard** KN95 masks following close contact with someone known to be infected with COVID-19.
- **Discard** KN95 masks after a maximum of 5 reuses.

Resources:

[CDC: COVID-19 Types of Masks and Respirators](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/types-of-masks.html) (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/types-of-masks.html>)