## How to wash and store the mask?

## Wash the mask:

- Change your mask **every 8 hours** or every 4 hours if used intensive (for example for a teacher who gives lessons) or faster if it is wet or dirty.
- The cloth mask must be washed after each use .
- An additional filter can be placed between the fabric layers of some masks. Throw away the washable filters in the trash after use. If you are using a washable filter, see the washing recommendations below.
- Wash the mask in warm water with soap. You can also boil it with soap in a saucepan reserved for this purpose.
- Rinse the washed mask with clean water without detergent.
- Let the mask air dry.
- If possible, iron the mask.
- Ironing the mask is not enough! It does not replace washing.
- If you have touched a dirty mask , wash your hands thoroughly afterwards .
- The mask must be **completely dry** before being reused. It is therefore recommended to have at least two masks.

## If you are using a washable filter:

- Preferably wash the filter, leaving it in the mask to avoid being in contact with any viruses present in the filter.
- Wash the filter after each day of use.
- Preferably allow the filter to air dry .
- Please note: heat-sensitive filters must not be ironed or boiled! They could melt.

## Store the mask:

- Do not leave your masks lying around anywhere. Choose a clean place you use to keep the masks used, for preference in a cloth bag closed you can wash along the masks.
- Wash always hands prior to touching a clean mask and do not touch the inside of the mask.
- Do not put your mask in the fridge or freezer. Cold does not kill the virus.

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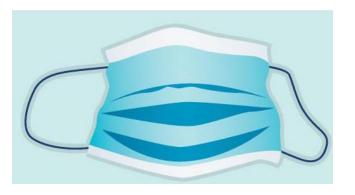
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## What we need to know about the correct use of a mask



# Better prevent than cure

The wearing of masks is made compulsory in Cameroon from April 13, 2020 by government decision

## How to put on and take off the mask?

- Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water before touching the mask. If you can not wash your hands, disinfect them.
- Take the mask by the elastic bands or the cords.
- Place the mask on the face, making sure it covers and fits properly to your nose and chin (no space between the mask and the face).
- Once you put the mask, avoid touching it.
- If the mask slips or is not securely fastened, only touch the sides or the fasteners to adjust or reattach it. Wash or disinfect your hands afterwards.



- Remove the mask by taking it by elastic bands or cords, without touching the outside of the mask.
- Then wash your hands thoroughly .
- Wear the same mask for a maximum of 8 hours.
   Replace it more quickly if it is wet or dirty.
- If you want to temporarily remove the mask, for example for drinking:
- ✓ \*Keep it in a clean place, put the mask upwards, or in a paper bag (an envelope for example), reserved for your use.
- X•Do not put it in your pocket or purse! When putting the mask back on, be careful not to confuse the inside and the outside.
- Avoid to remove and recover the mask too often.
- ✓ Do not wear the mask under your nose or under your chin (! Risk of Contamination!).



## How to wear your mask?



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