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## Cloth Face Covering Guidance

As of April 7, 2020, Todd County has no lab confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19). Although due to a shortage of COVID-19 testing materials, local transmission of the virus may be currently occurring in Todd County. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) currently recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies) especially in areas where there is significant community-based transmission. As a reminder, even when wearing a mask, it is still critical to maintain 6-foot social distancing when possible to slow the spread of the virus.

### Cloth face coverings should:

- fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face
- be secured with ties or ear loops
- include multiple layers of fabric
- allow for breathing without restriction
- be able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape

### Cloth face coverings should not:

- be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.
- be surgical masks or N-95 respirators. Surgical masks and N-95 respirators are critical supplies and must continue to be reserved for healthcare workers and other medical first responders.

### How does one safely remove a used cloth face covering?

- Individuals should be careful not to touch their eyes, nose, and mouth when removing their face covering and wash hands immediately after removing.

### For instructions on how to make a face covering (both sewn and non-sewn) visit:

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

Todd County has set up a website with information for the public at: <https://www.co.todd.mn.us/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/> As this is a rapidly changing situation please continue to check back to this website for updates.

The Minnesota Department of Health has set up the following hotlines to answer questions:

### Community mitigation (schools, child care, business) questions:

651-297-1304 or 1-800-657-3504  
7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

### Health questions:

651-201-3920 or 1-800-657-3903  
7 a.m. to 7 p.m.