

## THE FACTS—KN95

KN95 masks reduce the amount of dust or virus particles a person breathes in by approximately 95 percent. A KN95 provides better protection for the wearer than other face masks, while also reducing the spread of the virus from the wearer.

## How do I properly use my KN95?

- Sanitize your hands immediately before and after putting your KN95 on and immediately before and after taking it off when planning to reuse it.
- Unfold your mask and flatten the metal nose clip.
- Place the mask over your face, with the bottom below your chin and the nosepiece up.
- Place the straps of the mask over each of your ears.
- Adjust the metal nose clip using fingers from both hands to mold the clip to the shape of your nose.
- Adjust fit as necessary to reduce air flow around the mask.
- Significant facial hair (more than 3-days growth) adversely affects
  the ability of the KN95 to form a tight seal around your face and
  thus reduces the KN95's effectiveness at protecting you from
  COVID-19. Therefore, parts of your face that come in contact with
  the KN95 should be free of significant facial hair.
- Remove your KN95 if you experience trouble breathing and seek medical advice.

### How is a KN95 different from an N95?

- The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) does not consider a KN95 mask a negative-pressure respirator since it has not been certified by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH).
- OSHA does not require a person be "fit tested" to wear a KN95. Since
  a person is not fit tested for a KN95, they should not use a KN95 in
  situations where a fit-tested N95 mask is required (for example, in
  clinical areas or for certain medical procedures).
- The CDC recommends that N95s be reserved for use by health care providers due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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# How should I care for and store my KN95?

- Please DO NOT attempt to wash your KN95.
   With proper care, your KN95 should be reusable for an extended period of time.
- To keep your KN95 clean between uses, store your mask in a safe location that other people cannot access and where it will not get wet or be subject to direct sunlight or excessive heat.
- A dry paper bag works well for storing your KN95.

### When should I discard my KN95?

You should replace your KN95 when it:

- Becomes soiled
- No longer covers the nose and mouth
- Has stretched out or damaged ties or straps
- Cannot stay on the face
- Has holes or tears in the fabric
- KN95 may be disposed of in the normal trash.

### **Quick Link**

Please see the link or scan the QR code to see video on how to properly wear a K95.

Link: KN95 video - YouTube

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