How to wear a mask

Steps on putting on the mask safely:

1. Perform hand hygiene – wash your hands or use hand sanitizer.
2. Pick up mask using ear loops.
3. Expand the mask.
4. Place mask on your face by securing loops around your ears.
5. Adjust mask to cover your chin and pinch metal nose piece (if available) to give a secure fit.

Steps on removing the mask safely:

1. Perform hand hygiene – wash your hands or use hand sanitizer.
2. Remove the mask using the ear loops only.
3. Place the mask on a clean surface/storage container with the inner mask facing upwards to avoid contamination.
4. Perform hand hygiene – wash your hands or use hand sanitizer.

For re-applying the mask:

1. Perform hand hygiene – wash your hands or use hand sanitizer.
2. Pick up the mask from the clean surface/storage container using the ear loops.
3. Adjust the mask to your face as indicated in the above steps.
4. Perform hand hygiene (hand washing or sanitizer) after you’re done.

When you’re ready to dispose of your mask, please place the mask in the garbage by the exit door and sanitize your hands.

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