

# How a mask should be used

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## Before putting on a mask:

Wash hands thoroughly (20-30 seconds) with soap.

## How to wear a mask correctly:

1. Cover your nose and mouth up to your chin and make sure that the mouth and nose cover is as close as possible to the edges.
2. Avoid touching and moving the mouth and nose cover while wearing it. If so, wash hands thoroughly with soap and / or disinfect.
3. When removing the mouth and nose cover, do not touch the outer sides if possible, as pathogens can be found here. Grasp the side straps and carefully remove the mouth and nose cover.



## After wearing a mask:

1. Change the mouth and nose cover at the latest when it is moistened with the air you breathe. Because then additional germs can settle.
2. Wash hands thoroughly (20-30 seconds) with soap after removing.
3. Keep the mouth and nose cover airtight until washing (e.g. in a separate bag) or, ideally, wash it immediately at 60 °C to 95 °C with heavy-duty detergent in the washing machine or in a saucepan. Finally the masks must be dried completely.

