



Metro Atlanta Crime Commission
Public Safety Crisis Management Information
**Using Masks and Making Strong, Safer Hand Sanitizer
(What You Are Not Being Told)**

MASKS WORK

Masks do work in blocking airborne pathogens and contagions. If they did not work, President Trump would not have ordered 40 million masks for healthcare workers in February of 2020, not for those infected. If masks did not work, the Vice-President would not have visited the 3M factory in Minnesota in March, 2020 and placed a standing order for 35 million N95 masks per month until further notice. If masks did not work, the head of the CDC would not have announced in a press conference that they need the N95 masks for healthcare workers. A mask is not a guarantee but a necessary precaution.

WEARING THE MASK PROPERLY

Wearing the N95 mask properly is very important. For masks with the top and bottom straps, place the bottom strap on first and let it rest on the bottom of your neck. Then position the mask securely on your face, covering your nose and mouth completely. Place the second strap around the back of your head securely. Then slightly pinch the metal strip on the top of the mask. Breathe normally. The N95 mask with the respirator on top allows the mask to stay cooler which allows you to keep the mask on longer.

WHAT ABOUT OTHER MASKS?

If you do not have an N95 mask, use the mask you have. Any mask offers some protection against airborne particles but some offer much more protection than others. And at the very least, masks of any type discourage people from touching their faces.

RE-USING DISPOSABLE MASKS

Under normal circumstances the best way for a company to sell more masks is to say they are disposable. But when there is a shortage of masks, you may have to wear what you have several times because doing so is better than having nothing. Because the droplets from a sneeze traveling 100 mph

and deposit up to 100,000 droplets in the air from just one sneeze, you need to wear the mask. In order to re-use the N95, take it off, spray the outside lightly with Lysol then place the mask in a zip lock bag.

BEWARE OF FAKE MASKS: The masks below are real.



The masks above are real masks. Keep in mind there are other brands of N95 so if the box or writing is a different color, don't panic. That being said, there are fake masks which are now flooding the market.

THE MASKS BELOW ARE LIKELY FAKES



MAKING YOUR HAND SANITIZER

Regular hand sanitizer, the one everyone is running to find, has harmful chemicals in it, largely for color, scent and longevity. Ironically there are only 2 ingredients needed for hand sanitizer. The alcohol is the only active ingredient. The aloe vera, the other key necessary ingredient, is simply to soften the skin and keep it from drying out because of the alcohol. Pure aloe vera juice (not gel) is safer and healthier. Read the back of the hand sanitizer everyone is hunting for, especially the warning and the chemicals listed on the bottom.

To make the sanitizer stronger, use 91% alcohol (Isopropyl) and mix it with 100% or virtually 100% Aloe Vera JUICE (Wal-Mart, Public and Kroger), not the gel. Mix 1 part alcohol with 2 parts aloe vera juice. Place in small bottles. Keep one bottle in the car and one with you at all times, including and especially at work.

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