COVID-19



Amid the COVID-19 crisis, wearing face masks has become a way of protection from the virus.

However, there is no scientific evidence that face masks protect the person wearing it completely.



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Face masks might give wearers false security.

People may expose themselves in risky environments.

It may increase the frequency of touching their face, and disregarding the other more effective ways of preventing the spread of the virus, such as: Proper hand hygiene

Respiratory etiquette

Physical distancing



The supply of medical-grade face masks is low.

Priority for these masks <u>should be</u> given to people in the frontlines.

If you need to go outside, wear a community face mask.

WHAT IS A COMMUNITY FACE MASK?

It is a non-medical-grade face mask required for people to wear in public.

The wearing of community face masks is only effective if utilized along with proper hand hygiene and physical distancing.



Wearing a community face mask can prevent the spread of viruses because you and anyone can be a carrier.

It keeps you out of trouble too because wearing of face masks is now mandatory.

REMEMBER:

It is very important to stay at home.

If you have to step out of the house, you need to wear a community face mask



WHO SHOULD WEAR A COMMUNITY FACE MASK?

People who need to go outside for essentials needs. Service-oriented workers, such as food handlers and security personnel. Medical workers
who do not have
direct patient care
responsibilities,
such as dietary
professionals and
administrative staff.

Visitors and contact staff in health care facilities.

Homecare givers



Always be careful!

Face masks can cause difficulty in breathing, especially to:

- People with chronic respiratory diseases or may already have breathing difficulties.
- Children 2 years old and below.