

# KN95 | KF94

## Instructions & FAQ

### Care and storage tips to prolong the life of KN95 and other respirator-style masks



KN95 Mask

**How do I obtain a KN95 or KF94 mask?** Respirator masks such as N95 (usually used in the healthcare setting) and its international equivalents, KN95 and KF94, are available online and in local retailers. In most non-medical settings, KN95 and KF94 masks, while disposable, are designed to be worn multiple times safely.

**How do I properly use my KN95 or KF94 mask?** (Helpful video: [bit.ly/donningkn95](https://bit.ly/donningkn95))

- If possible, wash/sanitize hands immediately before/after putting on and immediately before/after taking it off when planning to reuse it.
- Unfold mask, place over face with bottom below your chin and the nosepiece up.
- Place the straps of the mask over each of your ears; avoid twisting straps.
- Use fingers on both hands to adjust metal nose clip by molding to shape of your nose.
- Adjust the fit as necessary to reduce air flow and leaks around the mask and face.
- Significant facial hair (> 3-days' growth) adversely affects KN95's ability to form tight seal around the face; thus reducing effectiveness at protecting from COVID-19. Parts of your face that come in contact with the KN95 or KF94 should be free of significant facial hair.
- If your glasses are fogging up, wash the lenses/frames with warm soapy water (not hot!), rinse thoroughly and let air dry before putting on your mask.

**What if my KN95 or KF94 doesn't fit?** KN95 and KF94 masks are sold in universal child and adult sizes. If you cannot achieve a tight seal around your face, try a different brand or use a surgical mask under a mask-brace or snug-fitting cloth mask. DO NOT double-mask with any respirator mask (N95, KN95 or KF94).

**How should I care for and store my KN95 or KF94 mask?**

Please DO NOT attempt to wash your KN95/KF94. With proper care, your respirators should be reusable for an extended period of time. To keep your KN95/KF94 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 or KF94.

**When should I discard my respirator mask? You should replace your KN95/KF94 when it:**

- Becomes soiled
- No longer covers the nose and mouth and/or is unable to create a seal
- Has stretched out or has damaged ties or straps
- Cannot stay on the face
- Has holes or tears in the fabric

**NOTE:** A KN95 or KF94 may be disposed of in the normal trash.

