

# COVID-19 | Who to Mask?

## Guidance for General Population

Based on availability of surgical masks or others masks

### THRESHOLD

**HIGH PRIORITY GROUP - use surgical masks when in public**

Persons with flu like illness- Fever and/or Cough or Shortness of Breath

Fever, vague symptoms, unclear cause

Respiratory infection unclear source

If you have underlying chronic health conditions like diabetes, heart disease or COPD.

People over age 60 - going to public areas such as shopping or essential services

**Stay at home if ill or chronic disease, but if need to go in public use a mask**

**Low Priority**

Exposed to anyone with flu like illness

General Public - use any appropriate self-made or other facial covering when in public

**No Need for mask**

**No masks needed for home**, walking outside with non-household contacts within 6 feet.

Must wash hands or use hand-hygiene before and after handling masks