Facemask dos and don'ts



DO



Do wash your hands before touching the mask



Do inspect the mask for tears and holes



Do place the metal piece or stiff edge over your nose



Do ensure the colored-side faces outwards



Do de-pleat the mask folds



Do cover your mouth. nose and chin



Do adjust the mask to your face without the mask leaving large gaps on the sides



Do avoid touching



Do remove the mask from behind the ears or head



Do keep the mask away from you and surfaces while removing it



Do discard the mask immediately after use, preferably into a closed bin



Do wash your hands after discarding the mask

DON'T



Don't use a ripped or damp mask



Don't wear the mask under nose or mouth



Don't wear a loose mask



Don't touch the front of the mask



Don't remove the mask to talk to someone



Don't leave your mask hanging around your ear



Don't leave your used mask within reach of others



Don't re-use the mask



Remember that facemasks and other PPE are contaminated after use.

It is important to practice hand hygiene before and after removal, or if your hands touch the outside of your PPE.