

# Stay Safe – Wear a Mask or Cloth Face Covering

COVID-19 mask and cloth face covering guidance for consumer–employers and homecare workers.



## Cloth Face Coverings

Aging and People with Disabilities (APD) and the Oregon Home Care Commission (OHCC) are committed to helping the people we serve and homecare workers to stay safe. Governor Brown has issued a statewide requirement that face coverings must be worn in any indoor or outdoor public space as of July 15, 2020. Based on the Governor’s guidance we are implementing a mask and cloth face covering policy.



Snug and comfortable



Ties or ear loops



Multiple layers



Able to be washed and dried

**A homecare worker who does not live with their consumer-employer must wear a mask or cloth face covering when providing any in-person care within 6 feet of the consumer-employer.** A consumer-employer may require all their homecare workers to wear a mask or cloth face covering when working in their home or when supporting them in the community. Cloth face coverings can be homemade. They are **not** for use with people who are COVID-19 positive.

Link to OHA Face Covering Facts: <https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/le2390L.pdf>

## Consumers with disabilities and homecare workers

If a mask causes emotional distress to the consumer-employer or if the consumer-employer requests that their homecare worker not wear a mask, the worker will be exempt from wearing a mask. If a homecare worker has a medical condition that prevents them from wearing a mask, they may ask for an ADA accommodation. Homecare workers with an ADA accommodation are exempt from wearing a mask. Link to The ADA and Face Mask Policies: <https://www.adasoutheast.org/ada/publications/legal/ada-and-face-mask-policies.php>. Consumers should let their case manager know their preferences. Homecare workers must send ADA mask exemption requests to: [OHCC.CustomerRelations@dhsaha.state.or.us](mailto:OHCC.CustomerRelations@dhsaha.state.or.us)



## Carewell SEIU 503 CARES PTO

Homecare workers who lose hours between June 1, 2020 and Dec. 31, 2020 due to COVID-19 may be eligible for an expanded leave benefit. To learn more visit the Carewell SEIU 503 CARES PTO web page: <https://www.orphomecaretrust.org/cares-ptol/> or call 1-844-503-7348.



## Personal Protective Equipment

Homecare workers can access masks, cloth face coverings and gloves by completing and submitting a request on SEIU's online form or by sending an email to OHCC:

- SEIU's site: <https://seiu503.tfaforms.net/622>
- OHCC's email: [OHCC.CustomerRelations@dhsaha.state.or.us](mailto:OHCC.CustomerRelations@dhsaha.state.or.us)

You can get this document in other languages, large print, braille or a format you prefer. Contact OHCC at 877-867-0077 or email OHCC Customer Relations [OHCC.CustomerRelations@dhsaha.state.or.us](mailto:OHCC.CustomerRelations@dhsaha.state.or.us).