

# An Important Update from the Infection Prevention Team

## Comfort Mask Guidance

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**Comfort masks are worn to protect one another when interacting in the community outside of your workplace or when working in a support or service office.**

**When you wear a mask, you protect others as well as yourself.**



### Use a comfort mask when:

- Using public transportation, walking from your car where you could have contact with others within 6 feet distance.
- Entering and remaining in a BAYADA office or any building.
- Visiting family and friends, going to stores, and any other possible situation where you may be within six feet of another person in the community.



### Do not use a comfort mask when caring for a client in their home or in any other client care setting.

- Surgical masks (McKesson Intco #FM301; Yanna Baby #KWL-KD-KZ2005; or Jointown Surgical #2082) and eye protection (goggles or face shields) must be worn during all client interactions.

### IMPORTANT

- If a comfort mask needs to be adjusted or removed, perform hand hygiene with alcohol-based waterless hand gel or soap and water before and after touching the mask.
- Select a comfort mask that is made of at least two layers of breathable fabric and fits snugly over the nose and mouth and against the sides of your face.
- Cloth masks should be laundered daily with hot water and detergent.



**For more information, please use the following CDC pages:**

- [Improve How your Mask Protects You](#)
- [How to Wear Cloth Face Coverings](#)
- [How to Wash Cloth Face Coverings](#)