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# CLARK COUNTY DISTRICT G NEWSLETTER

**Clark County Commissioner Jim Gibson** 



Hello District G Residents,

If you haven't noticed, we are in Week 4 of our quarantine and it is Spring Break. Please know my family, like every other southern Nevadan family, is finding this Spring Break very unique and we are trying to make the most of it. Whether you are retired and living as empty nesters, or a working parent of school-aged children, today's reality is affecting all of us. It is my hope that we all use this time to really discuss any challenges our households face, discover and share our strengths and weaknesses, and most importantly, listen to one another. In this week's newsletter, please read about how you can show support for healthcare workers, first responders and everyone on the front lines by Going Blue; familiarize yourself with how to manage and care for yourself at home and in public, particularly now that the CDC has recommended everyone wear face coverings in public. I have included a couple of methods demonstrating how to make your own face coverings at home.

As always, do not hesitate to email us at ccdistg@clarkcountynv.gov or call our office at (702) 455-5561 with any questions or concerns. You can also follow us on Facebook at <u>www.facebook.com/jim.gibson</u>, Instagram <u>@CommishJGibson</u> or Twitter <u>@CommishJGibson</u>.



Jim

### April 7, 2020 Message From The Board of County Commissioners:

- The Commissioners met with UMC and County management, and the suspension of the CBAs was necessary due to an unprecedented health care emergency.
- Consideration was given to limiting the suspension to specific provisions, but legal counsel from both Clark County and UMC advised that piecemeal suspension was untenable in this unique circumstance.
- This suspension is temporary and will be tied to the Governor's Declaration of Emergency, and the CBAs will be fully reinstated immediately upon the ending of the Governor's Declaration of Emergency, or any extension thereof.
- This suspension is operationally necessary during the emergency to enable immediate responses to challenges affecting fluid personnel demands, employee safety, and quality patient care.
- Labor/management safety committees may continue to meet during the emergency as long as social distancing practices are employed.
- Regardless of the suspension, employee protections such as whistleblower laws and the Merit Personnel System remain in place. Neither the Board nor the management of UMC and the County will tolerate any managers abusing their positions or asserting that an employee may be terminated without cause.
- No decisions have yet been made regarding the financial ramifications of the COVID-19 emergency.
- Any declaration of a fiscal emergency under NRS 288 will be made only after consultation with and approval by the Board of County Commissioners, as authorized by law.
- Regardless of the status of the suspension, applicable CBA provisions will be followed in the event of layoffs, including all union participation and employee protections afforded in those CBA provisions.
- We are truly grateful for all that you do and for your patience during these difficult times. We are committed to better communication as we navigate these difficult issues and we hope that, together, we can continue our partnership in this community.

## New TV PSA Encourages Retired Medical Professionals to Register as Volunteers Through SERV-NV

Clark County released TV Public Service Announcements in English and Spanish to encourage retired health care professionals able and willing to serve in the community's response to coronavirus to register online through the state of Nevada's SERV-NV website at <u>https://servnv.org/</u>.

The :30 second PSAs, created by Clark County Television (CCTV) in collaboration with University Medical Center, have been shared with local broadcasters and are available on Clark County's YouTube Channel. The PSA also is airing on CCTV Channel 4 and will be shared on the County's social media sites including Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram, and NextDoor.

"As we wear blue today in honor of World Healthcare Day, our medical and health care professionals hold a special place in our hearts as we thank them for serving on the front lines of our response to coronavirus," said Clark County Commission Chairman Marilyn Kirkpatrick. "We appreciate those who have the backgrounds and skills to reinforce the ranks of our existing health care professionals by joining our local Medical Reserve Corps through SERV-NV."

SERV-NV registrants may choose to join the Medical Reserve Corps of Southern Nevada, Statewide Volunteer Pool or Mental Health Crisis Counselors. Health professionals with a range of skills and backgrounds can join the SERV-NV physicians, organization including medics, nurses. pharmacists, respiratory therapists, mental health professionals. By registering through SERV-NV, volunteers' identities. licenses and credentials. accreditation are verified. Qualified professionals then become part of an alert system that draws upon the pool of available professional volunteers to deploy in emergencies.

SERV-NV, an acronym for the State Emergency Registry of Volunteers-Nevada registry, is affiliated with the Emergency System of Advance Registration for Volunteer Health Professionals (ESAR-VHP), which is a national network of state-based systems that verifies the identity and credentials of health professionals so that they can more readily volunteer for disaster, public health, and medical emergencies. A link to the online registration form is posted on SERV-NV's website at https://servnv.org/agreement.php.

## 10 ways to manage respiratory symptoms at home

If you have fever, cough, or shortness of breath, call your healthcare provider. They may tell you to manage your care from home. Follow these tips:

 Stay home from work, school, and away from other public places. If you must go out, avoid using any kind of public transportation, ridesharing, or taxis.



2. Monitor your symptoms carefully. If your symptoms get worse, call your healthcare provider immediately.



 Get rest and stay hydrated.



 If you have a medical appointment, call the healthcare provider ahead of time and tell them that you have or may have COVID-19.



5. For medical emergencies, call 911 and notify the dispatch personnel that you have or may have COVID-19.



 Cover your cough and sneezes.



7. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.



- 8. As much as possible, stay in a specific room and away from other people in your home. Also, you should use a separate bathroom, if available. If you need to be around other people in or outside of the home, wear a facemask.
- Avoid sharing personal items with other people in your household, like dishes, towels, and bedding.



10. Clean all surfaces that are touched often, like counters, tabletops, and doorknobs. Use household cleaning sprays or wipes according to the label instructions.



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## Go Blue to Support Healthcare Workers, First Responders, Everyone on the Front Lines

Southern Nevada leaders are asking residents to help show our support for healthcare workers, first responders and everyone on the front lines of our fight against the coronavirus here by going blue beginning Tuesday, April 7.

Residents may show their support by wearing something blue, with special social media posts using the hashtag #VegasGoesBlue, creating a poster to hang on a door or in a window, and many other (See below for some ideas. and ao here ways. www.LasVegasNevada.gov/VegasGoesBlue or here www.clarkcountynv.gov/covid19/Pages/GoBlueVegas.aspx for graphics you can print or download.)

Most importantly please Stay Home for Nevada and use one of the ideas below, or another idea that you can do without leaving your property.

For residents who still must leave their homes for work, medical appointments or other essential reasons, please remember to wear "non-medical cloth" face coverings as recommended by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).Go to www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/DIY-cloth-face-covering-instructions.pdf to see how to make face coverings using a T-shirt or bandana (neither require any sewing), and other common

Local landmarks going blue in support of our healthcare workers, first responders and everyone else on the front lines of our fight against the coronavirus include the Welcome to Fabulous Las Vegas Sign,

Las Vegas City Hall and Arizona Street in downtown Boulder City.

Those supporting this effort include Clark County, the cities of Las Vegas, Henderson, North Las Vegas, Boulder City and Mesquite, Southern Nevada Health District, UMC, Nellis Air Force Base, VA Southern Nevada Healthcare System, Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority, The Valley Health System – Centennial Hills Hospital, Desert Springs Hospital, Henderson Hospital, Spring Valley Hospital, Summerlin Hospital, and Valley Hospital, Nevada Resort Association, Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada, Southern Hills Hospital and Medical Center, MountainView Hospital, Sunrise Hospital, Sunrise Children's Hospital and Boulder City Hospital.

This local effort is being done to coincide with the World Health Organization's World Healthcare Day, which this year honors nurses and midwives.

#### Participate on social media

items.

- Create and post a picture or video that shows you "Going Blue" to show your support for healthcare workers, first responders and everyone on the front lines of our fight against the coronavirus. (For example, wear something blue and record yourself giving healthcare workers a supportive shout-out and thank you.)
- Find graphics you can download and use here <u>www.LasVegasNevada.gov/VegasGoesBlue</u> or here <u>www.clarkcountynv.gov/covid19/Pages/GoBlueVegas.aspx</u>.

- Add a blue transparency/frame to your Social Media profile pictures.
- Change the background of our website/webpages to blue.
- Use hashtags #VegasGoesBlue plus any others you wish to include such as "VegasHeroes and #StayHomeForNevada, in your supportive posts.

#### Participate using something you already have at home

- Wear something blue.
- Print something from this page www.LasVegasNevada.gov/VegasGoesBlue or www.clarkcountynv.gov/covid19/Pages/GoBlueVegas.aspx to put up on a door or window.
- Print a black and white version of one of the pictures from that page, color it and tape it to a door or window.
- Pin a blue ribbon on your clothes.
- Make a poster to put on your front door or in a window to say thank you and that you support our folks on the front lines of this fight.

#### How your business can participate

- Ask employees to wear something blue.
- Change website and/or social media profiles with a frame or new graphic.

## The Culinary Union Helping Hand Food Assistance Program

#### Article by Jim Sullivan

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has hit the Las Vegas hospitality industry incredibly hard. In less than a month, almost all Las Vegas hospitality workers were laid off or furloughed, including 98% of Culinary Union families. These workers are now

facing a severe economic crisis and are struggling to pay for basic needs, like food. In response to this crisis, the Culinary Union has created the Helping Hand program to help meet the high community demand for food assistance but we can't do it alone.

We have created a community food assistance program at the Culinary Academy of Las Vegas (CALV) that gave out over 6,000 food bags, in our first week alone. At the highest capacity, we will be able to give out over 2,000 food bags each day, to the tens of thousands of affected Culinary and community members but we need your help to meet the high demand for food assistance.

Please donate to the Culinary Union's helping hand food assistance program: <u>https://bit.ly/2yFH5FN</u>

#### CULINARY UNION HELPING HAND:

- Safe drive-through food distribution where Nevadans don't get out of their car.
- All workers at the food assistance site wear PPE gear.
- 40 pounds of food in eachbag, including 4 pounds each of chicken, pork, rice, beans, and various fruits and vegetables.
- Each packet can feed a family of three for 7-10 days. Each \$10,000 donation can feed roughly 500 Nevadans in need.

The Culinary Union's Helping Hand program seeks to feed all of the nearly 60,000 Culinary members out of work and the community at large during this crisis, but we can't do it alone. Culinary Union members have been serving our community and making Las Vegas a premier hospitality destination for 85 years. Now workers need your help.

# FREE STATEWIDE TENANTS' RIGHTS ASK A LAWYER

## TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2020 1PM TO 4PM

- HAVE YOU RECENTLY BEEN LAID OFF AND CANNOT PAY RENT?
- DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT WHETHER YOUR LANDLORD CAN EVICT YOU RIGHT NOW?
- HAVE YOU RECEIVED AN EVICTION NOTICE?
- IS YOUR LANDLORD THREATENING TO LOCK YOU OUT?
- DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR RIGHTS IN SUBSIDIZED HOUSING?

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## County Officials Urge Residents to Participate in 2020 Census To Help With COVID-19 Recovery

Since the kickoff of the 2020 U.S. Census on March 12, about 45.9 percent of households in Clark County have filled out their Census forms compared with 46.2 percent nationally, and 45.3 percent for the entire state of Nevada.

With the coronavirus pandemic sweeping across the country, County officials are reminding Southern Nevadans that it's more important than ever that every local household gets counted in this year's Census.

"I am proud of the way this community has risen to the enormous challenges presented to us by coronavirus and I have no doubt that we will come back stronger than ever," said Clark County Commission Chairman Marilyn Kirkpatrick. "One way you can help put us on the road to recovery is to fill out your 2020 Census form if you haven't done so already. We are going to need every federal dollar we deserve from data derived from this year's census to serve our community when we put COVID-19 behind us."

A link to the U.S. Census bureau's response map, which tracks participation rates by state in the U.S. Census is posted on the Southern Nevada Counts "Win the Census" campaign website at www.SouthernNevadaCounts.com. The Census form can be filled out online over the U.S. Census Bureau's website at www.2020Census.gov or by phone or mail.

Officials say in the 2010 Census, Nevada's population was undercounted. About 60 percent of households participated in the population count, which means the state could have received 40 percent more funding during that Census period had all households been counted.

"With the economic challenges we face as a result of coronavirus, it's more important than ever that Nevada's entire population is counted in the 2020 Census so we get the funding and representation we deserve from Washington," said Clark County Commissioner Justin Jones, chairman of the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition, which initiated the Southern Nevada Counts effort. "Data collected in this year's Census will inform funding formulas every year for the next decade that will go directly to services and programs which will help our community get back on its feet."

The Census Bureau is operating toll-free language assistance lines in many languages including the three most common spoken in Southern Nevada: English (844) 330-2020; Spanish (844) 468-2020; and Tagalog (844) 478-2020. The Census Bureau also is offering American Sign Language support and has a toll-free Telephone Display Device (TDD) number of (844) 467-2020. Households that don't respond early online or by phone will receive a paper questionnaire from the Census Bureau that they can return by mail.

One person per household fills out the questionnaire on behalf of everyone who lives at the address as of Census Day on April 1,

2020. The questions ask for names, ages, birthdates and races of residents, and whether the home is owned or rented. By law, information provided for the Census is confidential and not allowed to be shared with immigration or law enforcement agencies or the courts. Children under 5 tend to be the most under counted of all Nevadans. "If you have children, it's very important that they are counted in the Census along with anyone else living at your address," said Clark County Commission Vice Chairman Lawrence Weekly. "It's also important that our residents understand that the information you report in the Census is used for statistical purposes only. It can't be used against you in any way. We need every man, woman and child living in our community to be counted so we get our fair share of funding to meet the needs of our residents and Southern Nevada."

## Attorney General Ford Announces \$2 Million in Funding for Emergency Rental Assistance

Nevada Attorney General Aaron D. Ford announced \$2 million in settlement funding for emergency rental assistance transferred to United Way of Southern Nevada and United Way of Northern Nevada and the Sierra. This funding will go directly to Nevada families in need of emergency assistance. Additionally, the Attorney General's Office created an informational flyer on the Governor's Directive halting evictions to help renters and landlords understand their rights.

"One of the most important things we can do as state leaders and as human beings is to keep Nevada families in their homes and prevent further suffering," said AG Ford. "Every minute, another Nevada family calls my office for help so they won't end up homeless. I am immensely proud that my office is able to prevent wrongful evictions, as well as provide emergency rental assistance funding to our trusted community partners at United Way."

The funding is part of the previously announced settlement agreement with Wells Fargo. The transfer of the funding received approval from the Nevada State Legislature's Interim Finance Committee this morning.

United Way of Southern Nevada and United Way of Northern Nevada and the Sierra are the state's administering agencies for the Emergency Food and Shelter Program established by Congress in 1983. This additional funding from the Office of the Attorney General will supplement that program until the next set federal appropriation is released next fall. The funding will help thousands of Nevada families stay in stable housing and prevent a further crisis of homeless families in the state.

The Office of the Attorney General has received an unprecedented number of calls from constituents seeking help and information relating to eviction and rental issues. The attached informational flyer on the Governor's Directive is intended to help renters and landlords understand their rights and obligations during the State of Emergency and answer frequently asked questions.

## Delivery of 2020 Census Paper Questionnaires Begin

About 64 million households across the nation are receiving a paper questionnaire in the coming days as the U.S. Census Bureau continues to ensure responding to the census is easier than ever. Of the nation's households, 46.2% have already responded to the 2020 Census. The remaining households will receive a paper questionnaire starting April 8.

"If you're among the nearly half of all the nation's households that have responded already, thank you!" said Census Bureau Director Dr. Steven Dillingham. "It has never been easier to respond on your own, whether online at 2020census.gov, over the phone, or by mail - all without having to meet a census taker. It's something everyone can do while practicing social distancing at home to make a difference today, tomorrow and the next 10 years."

While nearly half of all households have responded online to the 2020 Census, some may prefer to receive a paper questionnaire. About 22% of the country received a paper form at the beginning of the census.

Some areas where census takers were originally going to hand-deliver forms in person will now receive a letter in the mail from the Census Bureau reminding them to participate, including many households in Puerto Rico. Even if households don't receive a letter in the mail, the Census Bureau will drop off a census invitation and paper form as soon as it is safe to do so. Census takers will also follow up with all households that do not respond on their own.

Households receiving the paper questionnaire can still respond online or by phone, or they can return it by mail in the enclosed envelope. They can choose to respond online at 2020census.gov in English or 12 other languages, or receive assistance through language guides and videos available in 59 languages. When you respond online, use the Census ID from the letter or provide your address.

"Once you have responded, please encourage your family, friends and loved ones to complete the census too," Dillingham said.

The public should respond for the number of people living at that address as of April 1. Responding now to the 2020 Census will minimize the need for a census taker to follow up and visit your home in person later this year.

The U.S. Constitution mandates a census of the population every 10 years. Responding to the 2020 Census is easy, safe and important, and it's key to shaping the future of communities. Census statistics are used to determine the number of seats each state holds in the U.S. House of Representatives and informs how hundreds of billions of dollars in public funds are allocated by state, local and federal lawmakers for public services and infrastructure like hospitals, emergency response, schools and bridges over the next 10 years.

For more information, visit 2020census.gov.

The 2020 Census is open for self-response online at <u>2020census.gov</u>, over the phone by calling the number provided in your invitation, or by paper through the mail.

### Cashman ISO-Q Complex Seeks To Hire Staff To Serve Homeless In Isolation & Quarantine

The Cashman Isolation-Quarantine Complex (ISO-Q) currently being assembled is looking to hire staff this week for temporary positions at the new facility. Oualified medical staff, health care para-professionals, and support personnel are needed for the 24-hour-care facility. Compassionate team members skilled in clinical observation and patient support are key to the success of this effort. Nursing staff; allied health professionals; case workers, housekeeping, food distribution and custodial staff; and facility monitors are all encouraged to apply for these temporary positions. Email Crystal Williams at ext.cwilliams@lasvegasnevada.gov with any questions about the non-medical position you are interested in and your contact information.

The Cashman ISO-Q will serve as an acute observation facility dedicated to serving people experiencing homelessness. It is believed that the Cashman ISO-Q is the only one of its kind in the nation serving the homeless population. The current CDC guidance encourages people impacted by coronavirus to quarantine at home for up to 14 days or to self-isolate a minimum number of days past the onset of symptoms. People experiencing homelessness are unable to isolate or quarantine safely because they lack adequate shelter. The ISO-Q provides a safe place with clinical observation to ensure patients' symptoms do not escalate to the point of needing hospitalization unnoticed.

Patient care units include quarantine for persons exposed to coronavirus; isolation for persons experiencing symptoms; and, isolation for patients with confirmed positive cases of coronavirus. Measures are in place to prevent crosscontamination between patient care groups. A medical director is assigned to oversee clinical care. In addition to clinical medical staff, the ISO-Q will be staffed with teams dedicated to sanitation and infectious disease control, patient care and feeding, supplies and operations, data collection and discharge planning.s been much appreciated. Officials are hopeful that the state of Nevada's efforts to secure more gear for the community will be successful.

### Governor Steve Sisolak Announces Expansion of Social Distancing Emergency Directives

Governor Steve Sisolak held a press conference announcing a new emergency directive expanding his social distancing emergency directives. Directive 013, a guidance document corresponding to the directive and a guidance document for grocery store personnel can be found on the Nevada Health Response website, <u>https://nvhealthresponse.nv.gov/newsresources/governor-directives-and-declarations/</u>.

## Use of Cloth Face Coverings to Help Slow the Spread of COVID-19

#### How to Wear Cloth Face Coverings

Cloth face coverings should—

- fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face
- be secured with ties or ear loops
- include multiple layers of fabric
- allow for breathing without restriction
- be able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape

#### CDC on Homemade Cloth Face Coverings

CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies), **especially** in areas of significant community-based transmission.

CDC also advises the use of simple cloth face coverings to slow the spread of the virus and help people who may have the virus and do not know it from transmitting it to others. Cloth face coverings fashioned from household items or made at home from common materials at low cost can be used as an additional, voluntary public health measure.

Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cloth face covering without assistance.

The cloth face coverings recommended are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators. Those are critical supplies that must continue to be reserved for healthcare workers and other medical first responders, as recommended by current CDC guidance.

## Should cloth face coverings be washed or otherwise cleaned regularly? How regularly?

Yes. They should be routinely washed depending on the frequency of use.

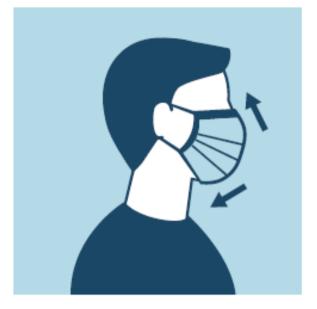
#### How does one safely sterilize/clean a cloth face covering?

A washing machine should suffice in properly washing a cloth face covering.

#### How does one safely remove a used cloth face covering?

Individuals should be careful not to touch their eyes, nose, and mouth when removing their cloth face covering and wash hands immediately after removing.







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## Sewn Cloth Face Covering

#### Materials

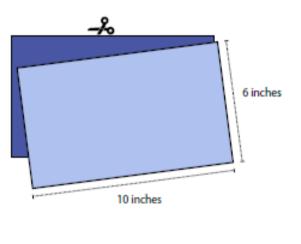
- Two 10"x6" rectangles of cotton fabric
- Two 6" pieces of elastic (or rubber bands, string, cloth strips, or hair ties)

- · Needle and thread (or bobby pin)
- Scissors
- Sewing machine

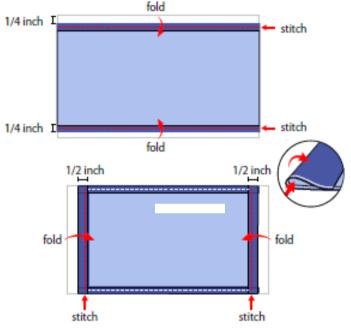


#### Tutorial

 Cut out two 10-by-6-inch rectangles of cotton fabric. Use tightly woven cotton, such as quilting fabric or cotton sheets. T-shirt fabric will work in a pinch. Stack the two rectangles; you will sew the cloth face covering as if it was a single piece of fabric.

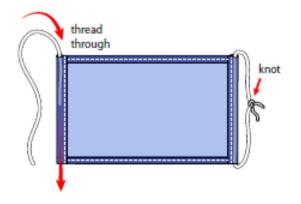


 Fold over the long sides ¼ inch and hem. Then fold the double layer of fabric over ½ inch along the short sides and stitch down.

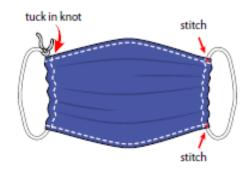


 Run a 6-Inch length of 1/8-Inch wide elastic through the wider hem on each side of the cloth face covering. These will be the ear loops. Use a large needle or a bobby pin to thread it through. The the ends tight.

Don't have elastic? Use hair ties or elastic head bands. If you only have string, you can make the ties longer and tie the cloth face covering behind your head.



 Gently pull on the elastic so that the knots are tucked inside the hem.
Gather the sides of the cloth face covering on the elastic and adjust so the cloth face covering fits your face. Then securely stitch the elastic in place to keep it from slipping.

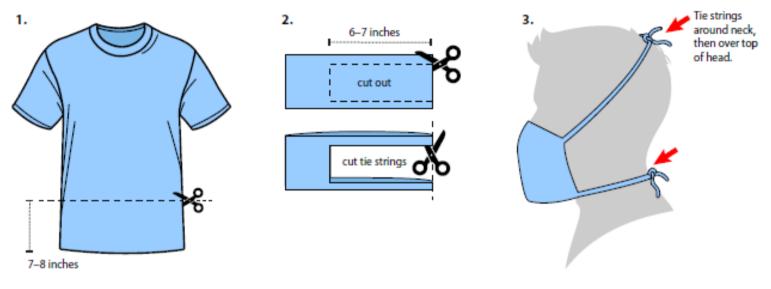


## Quick Cut T-shirt Cloth Face Covering (no sew method)

Materials

- T-shirt
- Scissors

#### Tutorial



## Bandana Cloth Face Covering (no sew method)

#### Materials

- Bandana (or square cotton cloth approximately 20"x20")
- Coffee filter

- Rubber bands (or hair ties)
- Scissors (if you are cutting your own cloth)

