

# GUIDANCE ON USE OF KN95 MASKS

**KN95 masks** can be reused by the same wearer for several days if they are used and cared for utilizing the following guidance.



## CHECK THE MASK INTEGRITY BEFORE EACH USE TO ASSURE:

- /// The shape is not deformed and the filter material is not physically damaged or soiled.
- /// The seal is continuous around the edge of the mask.
- /// The straps (if elastic) are compliant.
- /// The nose piece is not damaged and in one piece.
- /// There are no holes or signs of major wear or fraying.

## PROPER CARE AND USE:

- /// Store the mask in a clean paper bag when not in use.
- /// Handle the mask mainly by the straps and avoid excess touching of the outside surface of the filter.
- /// Do not share the mask with any other person.
- /// To protect the outside of the KN95 mask and improve fit (protection), consider wearing a cloth or surgical mask over the top of the KN95.
- /// KN95 masks cannot be washed and reused.

## REASONS FOR RETIRING THE MASK INCLUDE:

- /// Heavy or sustained use in environments that generate high aerosol levels that may occur in healthcare workers caring for COVID-19 patients.
- /// The mask is contaminated with blood or respiratory secretions or other bodily fluids.
- /// The mask is soiled with dirt or residues.
- /// It becomes hard to breathe through the mask.