



# Reduce the Risk of COVID-19 Exposure With Home Sewn Masks

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Franklin County Emergency Management & Homeland Security (FCEM&HS) is accepting donations of home sewn masks for non-traditional use. These masks may be made of a variety of material as well as made by organizations, volunteer groups and individuals. Standards of size, material used and environmental factors may vary. FCEM&HS recommends that you launder these masks prior to use.

According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), home sewn masks do not meet the health standards for use as Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for healthcare professionals. However, the CDC does recommend that general public wear home sewn masks to reduce the spread of COVID-19.



## Home Sewn Masks



Home Sewn Masks can be used by the general public to reduce the spread of COVID-19.



Home sewn masks should be laundered with soap & water and completely dry before use.



Home Sewn Masks do not meet PPE standards and should not be worn by health care professionals.



## Tips For Using Home Sewn Masks To Reduce COVID-19 Transmission



Wash your hands before placing or removing your mask.



Do not touch your mask once it is placed on your face.



Do not touch your face as often as possible.



Do not share your mask with other family members or anyone else.



A wet mask is ineffective & harbors germs. Replace your mask if it gets wet.



Wash your mask before the next use with soap and water. Allow it to dry completely before use.



While beneficial, FCEM&HS provides no specific assurances that home sewn masks will individually prevent the spread of COVID-19. By accepting these masks you acknowledge that the home sewn masks do not meet specific health standards of PPE and FCEM&HS assumes no responsibility for anyone contracting COVID-19 while wearing a home sewn mask.