

NanoWeb® FM Media: Frequently Asked Questions

Can NanoWeb® FM Media be washed?

No. Any NanoWeb® FM Media should be carefully discarded before you wash your mask. Once the mask is clean, ensure the fabric is thoroughly dry and your hands are clean before inserting new NanoWeb® FM Media.

How often should I replace the NanoWeb® FM Media in my mask?

NanoWeb® FM Media should be replaced at least as frequently as each time you wash your cloth face mask. Ensure that your clean mask is thoroughly dry before inserting new NanoWeb® FM Media.

Does it matter which direction the NanoWeb® FM Media is facing in the mask?

No. NanoWeb® FM Media does not have any directionality.

Does the NanoWeb® FM Media affect how I should use my mask?

No. Even with the additional protection of NanoWeb® FM Media, these masks are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators. All CDC guidelines for the general use of cloth face coverings should be followed.*

CDC Guidelines for the Use of Cloth Face Coverings to Help Slow the Spread of COVID-19*

How to Wear a Cloth Face Covering:

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

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 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 face covering and wash hands immediately after removing.

Who should not wear cloth face coverings?

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 mask without assistance.

*Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>

**Disclaimer: Masks made from the Sit n' Sew kits are not surgical masks or filtering facepiece respirators. They are not recommended for use (1) in any surgical setting or where significant exposure to liquid, bodily or other hazardous fluids may be expected; (2) in a clinical setting where the infection risk level through inhalation exposure is high; or (3) in the presence of a high intensity heat source or flammable gas.*