

# Guidance for use of face masks

From July 24th, it's mandatory that people **must** wear a face covering or mask in shops, unless they are exempt.

We are continuing to support volunteers to make simple cotton masks for other volunteers to wear when they're out helping in the community; doing food shops for neighbours, for example.

If you don't currently have appropriate face coverings or masks, or need extras to ensure you always have a clean mask available, you can collect your homemade cotton masks from Lynfield Road (off Nunney Road)

When they're available, the masks will be in a plastic box at 35 Lynfield Road (BA11 4JB) and available to collect between 8am and 7pm. If the box isn't out, it means we're out of masks for the time being!

To avoid any unnecessary journeys – which is really important at this time - call us on 01373 465757 and we can let you know whether we have any available.

Please take 2 or 3 masks to rotate them between washes.

You may also choose to supply, make or improvise your own face coverings or masks.

**VERY IMPORTANTLY** you must wash any new masks at a high temperature before using them for the first time.

It is important to wear your face covering correctly to keep yourself and others safe. This includes only handling your face covering by the ear loops or ties, changing your mask when necessary, and washing your hands regularly.

This link includes advice on safe usage of face coverings and masks, and a guide to making your own easily at home:  
[www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html)