

BARNSLEY SUPERSTAR



FACE COVERING INFORMATION



MAKING FACE COVERINGS FOR ADULTS

Thank you for offering your help to become a Barnsley Superstar and using your crafting talents to helping to create adult face coverings for Barnsley communities.

There are lots of ways you can make your face coverings. We would prefer you to make the flat face coverings, but other instructions are widely available online and you may already have a preferred way. You can find flat face patterns and ideas in our Facebook group - facebook.com/groups/BarnsleySuperstars

A flat face covering should look and fit like this -



When making face coverings always take care to use equipment safely to avoid injury.

You shouldn't make face coverings if you, or anyone in your household has any COVID-19 symptoms. Please email ClaireDawson@barnsley.gov.uk or message us in our Facebook group - facebook.com/groups/BarnsleySuperstars if you develop any symptoms.

We only endorse the use of brand new material, however if you receive new materials to create face coverings from outside of your household, you need to wash it at 60 degrees or put it in a plastic bag and leave it for 72 hours. If you need supplies please get in touch as we may be able to help. You can email ClaireDawson@barnsley.gov.uk.

It is recommended a 120 thread cotton poplin is to be used for a flat face mask.

You can make as many face coverings as you are able to, even if it is only some for you and your neighbours. They all count! Any extras you can make we will make sure are distributed to people in the community who need them.

It is estimated that there are six million sewing machines in the UK and if everyone could make 12 coverings then that would be enough for every person in the UK to have one!



DISTRIBUTING FACE COVERINGS IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Once you have made your face coverings, the easiest way to distribute them is to deliver them to your neighbours and other surrounding houses close to you. Please ensure you wait 72 hours from making your coverings till you distribute them, to reduce any contamination.

All we ask is that you let us know how many you have made, the hours you have provided and in what area you have distributed them in. Please complete the following short survey, every time you make a batch of coverings -

<https://forms.gle/HmZ9weDiM4oTh9os8>

This will help us to see where there maybe gaps and ensure the adults who needs a covering, have access to one. It will also help us with future funding of the project. If you could send us some photos too, that would be great! You can share them in the Facebook group or email them to

ClaireDawson@barnsley.gov.uk.

If you are delivering coverings yourself, please follow this guidance -

- Wash your hands before leaving home.
- Maintain social distancing guidance.
- Deliver them during the daytime.
- Use a small bag to place the coverings in, if possible.
- Knock on the person's door.
- Leave the bag at the door and step back to a safe distance at least three large steps away.
- Do not enter their home.
- If your recipient does not answer, you could post the covering through the letterbox, but do not put your hand through to avoid any possible dog bites.
- You might want to leave a note with your covering to say what you've done
- Not everyone is obliged to take a covering.
- These are provided by the community, for the community and are free of charge. **Do not take any donations for these yourself.**
- **No one is obliged to make a donation.** However, if anyone would like to make a donation, then please direct them to the Just Giving page for the project, where any contribution will be donated to the Barnsley Hospital Charity - [justgiving.com/fundraising/claire-dawson27](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/claire-dawson27). They can also find the link in their Face Covering Guidance.
- Ensure you wash your hands when you return home.

Remind the person you are distributing to that it is important to use face coverings properly. (See 'Wearing a Face Covering' guidance)

If you are unable to distribute them in your community, please let us know by emailing ClaireDawson@barnsley.gov.uk or through our Facebook group. We can arrange a Community Responder to get in touch with you to arrange a pick up or drop off.



WEARING A FACE COVERING

An easy print version of this document can be downloaded from our Facebook group, that you can print or email to provide alongside the coverings. If you are being provided materials, you may be given copies of the guidance in your material packs.

Residents can view and download the guidance information themselves at barnsleycvs.org.uk/volunteering/volunteering-news

In England, you must by law wear a face covering on public transport and in shops and supermarkets as of 24 July 2020. Measures can be taken if people do not comply with this law. You will also be required to wear them if you are attending or visiting hospital. You are also strongly encouraged to wear a face covering in other enclosed public spaces where social distancing may be difficult and where you come into contact with people you do not normally meet.

The use of face coverings in the community should be considered only as a complementary measure and not as a replacement for other preventive measures, such as social distancing, strict hand hygiene and avoiding touching the face, nose, eyes and mouth.

The face coverings provided are not suitable for children or those who may find it difficult to manage them correctly.

- They should wash the face covering before using it. It can go in with other laundry, using their normal detergent. They need to wash it at a minimum of 60 degrees and for 30 minutes.
- They should wash their hands or use hand sanitiser before putting it on and after taking it off and after use.
- To ensure as good a seal as possible they should ensure their hair is away from their face and that any facial hair is kept to a minimum.
- Place the covering on the face.
- Pass the elastic around the ears or head as appropriate.
- Pull down the bottom of the covering so it is under the chin.
- Pull up the top of the covering so it covers the nose.
- If necessary, take care to tuck away any loose ends.
- The face covering should fully cover the mouth and nose while allowing them to breathe comfortably.
- Once adjusted, they should avoid touching the covering and if they do, wash or sanitise their hands.
- If the face covering becomes wet or dirty it should be removed and washed.
- The covering may be used several times within a single **four** hour period assuming it is removed according to the instructions and stored appropriately.



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- No face covering should be used for more than four hours over a single day.
- To remove the face covering they should wash or sanitise your hands and remove the covering by holding the elastic, avoiding touching the front of the face covering or the part of the face covering that has been in contact with their mouth and nose.
- They should avoid touching their eyes, nose, or mouth at all times and store used face coverings in a plastic bag until they have an opportunity to wash them.
- Once removed, make sure they clean any surfaces the face covering has touched and finally wash or sanitise their hands again.
- The face covering should be washed between each use, at 60 degrees and then dried.
- Following each wash they must ensure the covering remains in good condition.

This guidance has been adapted from - [gov.uk/government/publications/how-to-wear-and-make-a-cloth-face-covering](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/how-to-wear-and-make-a-cloth-face-covering). **Please ensure they check regularly for updates.**

The best efforts have been taken to ensure everything we have published is correct as of 21 July 2020.



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