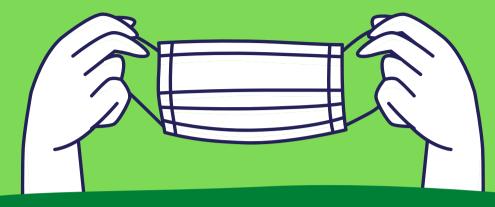
## Guidance for the Use of Cloth Masks in K-12 Schools



- Encourage the wearing of cloth face masks as part of your school reopening plan, especially in situations where distancing is difficult to maintain
  - Include several cloth face masks on school supply lists
  - Have extra face masks on hand to provide to students, teachers, staff, and visitors as needed
- Provide face masks with a clear window to teachers and staff who interact with students who rely on lip reading to learn
  - Ensure all cloth face masks are of high quality, fit closely to the face, and are made with 2-3 layers of fabric

- Educate students, parents, teachers, and staff on the correct use of cloth face masks
  - Wash or sanitize hands before putting face mask on
  - Avoid touching face mask while wearing it
  - Wash face masks between uses
  - Cloth face masks should be stored in separate spaces designated for each student when not being worn, and should not be shared or swapped
- Face shields are not a replacement for face masks – cloth face masks should be worn even when wearing a face shield

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