#### Irvine Valley College Health & Wellness Center Newsletter

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# COVID-HOW DOES IT SPREAD?

- There is currently no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).
- The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus.
- The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person.
  - Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).
  - Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks.
  - These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.
  - Some recent studies have suggested that COVID-19 may be spread by people who are not showing symptoms.

(https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html)

THE PRESIDENT'S CORONAVIRUS GUIDELINES FOR AMERICA

## 30 DAYS TO SLOW THE SPREAD

Listen to and follow the directions of your STATE AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

IF YOU FEEL SICK, stay home. Do not go to work. Contact your medical provider.

IF YOUR CHILDREN ARE SICK, keep them at home. Do not send them to school. Contact your medical provider.

**IF SOMEONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD HAS TESTED POSITIVE** for the coronavirus, keep the entire household at home. Do not go to work. Do not go to school. Contact your medical provider.

IF YOU ARE AN OLDER PERSON, stay home and away from other people.

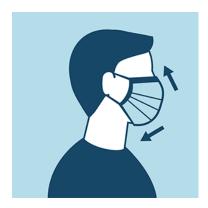
**IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A SERIOUS UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITION** that can put you at increased risk (for example, a condition that impairs your lung or heart function or weakens your immune system), stay home and away from other people.



## FACE COVERINGS

CDC Recommendations | Below Information Taken Directly from CDC Website

#### 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

#### CDC on Homemade Cloth Face Coverings

<u>CDC recommends</u> wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies), especially in areas of significant community-based transmission.

CDC also advises the use of simple cloth face coverings to slow the spread of the virus and help people who may have the virus and do not know it from transmitting it to others. Cloth face coverings fashioned from household items or made at home from common materials at low cost can be used as an additional, voluntary public health measure.

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.

The cloth face coverings recommended are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators. Those are critical supplies that must continue to be reserved for healthcare workers and other medical first responders, as recommended by current CDC guidance.



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.

(https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html)



#### **Need Medical Consultation?**

Our Medical Doctor and Nurse Practitioner are here for you! We are open Monday-Friday 9am-4:30pm via phone and Zoom conference for current registered students. For more information and to schedule an appointment, call the **Nurse Advice Line (949) 451-5687**!

#### Stressed? Anxious? Need to talk to someone?

Mental Health Therapists are available for current registered students! Our team of highly qualified therapists are available via Zoom conference. For more information and to schedule an appointment, call the **Nurse Advice Line (949) 451-5687**!

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### Quick Tip for Healthier Living

American Heart Association recommends 150 minutes of moderate intensity physical activity per week as tolerated. This means about 30 minutes of exercise per day for 5 days a week! For more information on staying heart healthy, visit <a href="www.heart.org">www.heart.org</a>.