

Guidance for Face Shields with Cloth Drape

If face shields are used without a mask, they should wrap around the sides of the wearer's face and extend below the chin and include a drape to prevent respiratory droplets from escaping through sides or underneath the face shield. Face shields should be cleaned and disinfected after each use.

Face Shield Frequently Asked Questions

Can schools use face shields instead of a face covering?

Face coverings (masks) are more effective than a face shield and are the preferred safety method. CDC does not recommend use of face shields for normal everyday activities or as a substitute for masks but face shields with a drape can be used.

Why is a drape necessary?

The drape functions like a covering and protects contaminated air droplets from being released into the surrounding air. The shield, without a drape or mask, allows for air to flow in from underneath and the sides increasing the chances of contaminated air droplets to escape from exiting under the shield.

Examples of Face Shields with Homemade Drapes:

