Wearing a face mask has been recommended by the Secretary of Health to stop the spread of COVID-19. **It is expected that staff who provide services wear a face covering or a mask during the entirety of service provision.** The only exception is if the staff person lives with the individual. **Masks should be worn by staff and individuals during activities in the community.**

Please note: Cloth face coverings are not considered Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Cloth face coverings should not be worn in place of a surgical face mask when caring for an individual with COVID-19.

For more information, please see [ODP's Reissuing Guidance on Masks, Screening, and Handwashing](https://www.odph.org/coronavirus/covid19/masks.htm).

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