

ASL Video Script

- Public Health- Seattle & King County issued a Local Health Officer Directive that says King County residents must wear a cloth face covering in indoor public spaces or confined spaces where it could be difficult to maintain six feet of physical distancing.
- Here is information you need to understand how this directive impacts our deaf and hard of hearing communities.
- Wearing masks can help slow the spread of COVID-19 in our communities. The CDC recommends that people cover their noses and mouths with a cloth face covering to prevent spreading COVID-19 while interacting with others outside their homes.
- These face coverings can include: cloth face masks, scarves, or bandanas. Clear masks or face shields are also an option.
- Please know that deaf, hard of hearing, and other individuals who rely on face and mouth movements to communicate are not required to comply with this directive.
- For our deaf/blind community members:
 - Use gloves for tactile ASL or printing capital letters into a person's palm. To safely remove gloves peel them off inside out and dispose in separate bag and then garbage container. Do not touch your face.
 - Use pre-made communication cards to assist in interacting with the general public as well as medical personnel. Spanish and English communication cards are available from the Helen Keller National Center.
 - An iOs device with a braille display, screen reader or low vision enhancements such as high contrast or enlarged print can be used to email and/or send text messages with family, friends, medical professionals, SSPs, or others. There are apps that can display text in large type.
 - You can use Assistive Listening Devices accompanied with a pre-made card describing how to use the microphone of an assistive device. Wipe down microphone and receiver regularly with sanitized wipes.
- To prevent the further spread of COVID-19, clean your hands with alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water before putting on or removing a face covering and wash the face covering after use. Continue to practice physical distancing requirements and stay at least 6 feet apart from others.
- For more information, including suggestions on how to best communicate with others wearing face coverings, visit the king county website kingcounty.gov/masks.