DO’S & DON’TS

INDICATIONS FOR THE USE OF FACEMASKS

DO’S

• Wear a facemask to protect yourself from infectious droplets when dealing with patients under droplet isolation or during procedures that are likely to generate splashes or sprays of blood or body fluids
• Wear a facemask to protect others if you are coughing and sneezing
• Secure the facemask to cover mouth and nose
• Remove and discard facemask at door before leaving patient room
• Properly dispose of the mask by touching only the ear loops or the ties
• Change the facemask, when they become wet or exposed to body fluids
• Perform hand hygiene before and after removing facemasks

DON’T’S

• Don’t leave a facemask hanging around neck or hanging off one ear
• Don’t touch the front of the mask, as it is contaminated
• Don’t use the mask between patients
• Don’t wear facemask if wet or soiled, secure a new mask

A disposable mask protects the wearer from droplets that might be infectious.