

Dear students and staff,

You can use both fabric and surgical masks at METU Northern Cyprus Campus.

The use of both types of masks is described in detail below. A table describing the differences between fabric and surgical mask is also attached.

Rules to be considered regarding the use of fabric masks;

1. Clean your hand before touching the fabric mask.
2. Inspect the fabric mask for any dirt or damage before wearing it.
3. Shape the wire of the mask according to your nose and adjust the mask to your face without leaving gaps on the side.
4. The mask should cover your nose, mouth and chin.
5. The area of the mask which includes the nose, mouth and chin, where heavy contamination occurs, should never be touched.
6. If the mask becomes dirty, wet or torn during use replaced it with a new one.
7. The mask should be removed by holding the elastics or strings behind the ear without touching the front part.
8. Clean your hands with soap or alcohol base disinfectant after removing the mask.
9. The fabric Mask should be washed at least once a day with soap/detergent and preferably with hot water (at least 60 degrees),
10. The washed fabric mask should be ironed and stored in a clean plastic bag/bag.
11. Fabric masks are personal and should not be shared.

Rules to be considered regarding the use of surgical masks;

1. Clean your hand before touching the new surgical mask.
2. The layered surface of the mask should remain at the outside and the wire that will come on the nose should be shaped according to the nose to adjust the mask to your face without leaving gaps on the side.
3. The mask should to cover the nose, mouth and chin.
4. The area of the mask, which includes the nose, mouth and chin, where heavy contamination occurs, should never be touched.
5. If the mask becomes dirty, wet and torn during use, it should be replaced with a new one.
6. Even if it is thought that the mask is not contaminated, the same mask should not be reused.
7. The surgical mask should be removed by holding the elastics or strings behind the ear without touching the front part.
8. Discard the masks immediately after use preferably into a closed bin.
9. After removing the mask, you must wash your hands with soap or alcohol based disinfectant
10. Medical masks are disposable. It should never be reused by washing, ironing or airing.
11. Medical masks are personal and should not be shared.

## Surgical Masks and Cloth Mask: Know the Difference



	Cloth Mask	Surgical Mask
CDC recommended for general public	✓	
Necessary for medical facilities & first responders		✓
Protects against droplets	✓	✓
Protects against aerosol		
Custom fit		
Loose fit	✓	✓