

Medical Masks For Bozeman Important Notes

- Both masks made with elastic and masks made with ties are being accepted at this time. Whatever masks do not pass Quality Control at Bozeman Deaconess Hospital will be passed on to other health professionals in the community.
- Masks are being made for a variety of health professionals in the area. This includes, but is not limited to: Bozeman Deaconess Hospital, private practice doctors, home health care workers, dentists' offices, vet clinics.
- All masks will be put to use, even if they do not go to BDH.
- Any approved adaptations for the masks and the corresponding instructions can be found in "Mask Materials & Instructions" under the Files tab.
- Masks can be made without a metal nose piece. Sew the pattern as you would, but leave a small gap in the nose piece stitching that allows a twist tie (or alternative) to be inserted/removed. If you have already made masks with metal nose pieces sewn in, they will still be distributed and used.
- Knotted elastic ear piece length should be 12". It can always be knotted smaller, but it cannot be made bigger for those with larger heads. If you have already made masks with the 9.75" loop, don't worry, those masks will still be used, and are sure to fit someone.
- 1/8" Round elastic is the preference for BDH. If you have used flat elastic, your masks will still be used.
- Elastic wider than 1/4" is a tad uncomfortable behind the ears, so should not be used going forward. If you have already made masks with 3/8" elastic (or wider), your masks will still be used (but the elastic might be switched out).
- 1/4" Flat elastic can be donated for the 3D printed masks that are being made by Billings Clinic (contact admin Kari Aberly).
- If you are making masks with ties, the ties should be 36" long each. Permanently attached ties are best sewn on asymmetrically, so there is a longer end from the top of the mask (to be tied at the crown of the head, above the ears) and a shorter end from the bottom of the mask (to be tied behind the head/neck, below the ears). Measuring from the bottom of the mask, leave 12" tails hanging (to be the lower tie), then sandwich the mask into the binding, sew up the sides and sew closed/finish the edges of the binding. The top tie will be roughly 20" long.
- The pocket allows for a disposable filter (of the user's discretion) to be added/removed. You do not need to place a filter in the mask. This group is not collecting filters to be used or distributed.