

# O'Fallon Police

Neighborhood Watch Newsletter – May 2020



## COVID-19

Illinois Stay-At-Home Order

The O'Fallon Police Department realizes the Stay at Home Order and its frequent updates are inconvenient and sometimes confusing. This page attempts to break down the most recent order (as of 4/30/20) issued by the Governor of Illinois in a way that is easy to understand.

For more information regarding what businesses can open, call **(800)252-2923** or email **CEO.support@Illinois.gov**

On 04-30-20 the Governor issued a **Disaster Proclamation until 05-30-20**. The newest Executive Order extends the Shelter in Place Order until 05-30-20 with **modifications and new restrictions**:

- **Face coverings are required to be worn by all individuals, when medically tolerable, who are in public places and unable to maintain adequate social distancing of six feet, except for children under age two and when with members of the same household. Face coverings will be required in indoor public places such as stores. *\*The last three pages of this newsletter contain more information on face coverings, including how to make your own.\****
- **All essential businesses may remain open consistent with the original executive order. Essential retail stores shall reduce their occupancy capacity to 50% or to the capacity set by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) based on store square footage, provide face coverings to all employees who cannot maintain social distancing of six feet at all times, set up store aisles to be one-way, communicate these requirements to customers through signage and public service announcements and discontinue use of reusable bags.**
- **Non-essential retail stores may reopen to take orders online or over the phone for either pickup outside the store or delivery. Employees must maintain social distancing of six feet or wear a face covering when that is not possible.**
- **All businesses that have employees physically reporting to a worksite must post IDPH's guidance regarding workplace safety during the COVID-19 emergency. <http://www.dph.illinois.gov/>**
- **Fishing and boating in groups of no more than two per watercraft will be permitted.**
- **Golf courses will be permitted to open only when following strict guidelines provided by DCEO <https://www2.illinois.gov/dceo/Documents/Golf%20With%20Restrictions.pdf>**
- **Some state parks will be reopened. The list of state parks that will reopen is available via this link: <https://www.iml.org/file.cfm?key=18779>**
- **Pet grooming services will be allowed to reopen.**
- **Educational institutions may allow and establish procedures for pick-up of necessary supplies or student belongings and dormitory move-out. These procedures must be in a manner consistent with public health guidelines and social distancing requirements**



Looking for a list of businesses that are open? Want people to know your business is open? The [O'Fallon-Shiloh Chamber of Commerce](https://search.ofallonchamber.com/) has a searchable, online database to help connect businesses and customers. You can access the database here:

<https://search.ofallonchamber.com/>

**Consumers can search** for the products and services they're looking for and **business owners can register** their business for inclusion in the database.

The O'Fallon Police Department would like to recognize the **Graduating classes of 2020** at OTHS, Carriel Jr. High, Edward Fulton Jr. High, Joe Arthur Middle School, St. Clare Catholic School, and the First Baptist Academy!



O'Fallon Township  
High School



**Unfortunately, major events like COVID-19 inevitably bring out the scammers.** The [Federal Trade Commission](https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/blog/2020/04/coronavirus-stimulus-payment-scams-what-you-need-know) has published some tips to help protect yourself from being victimized. More details can be viewed here:

<https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/blog/2020/04/coronavirus-stimulus-payment-scams-what-you-need-know>

#### **4 tips for avoiding a Coronavirus stimulus payment scam**

1. Only use [irs.gov/coronavirus](https://irs.gov/coronavirus) to submit information to the IRS – and never in response to a call, text, or email.
  2. The IRS won't contact you by phone, email, text message, or social media with information about your stimulus payment, or to ask you for your Social Security number, bank account, or government benefits debit card account number. Anyone who does is a [scammer phishing for your information](#).
  3. You don't have to pay to get your stimulus money.
  4. The IRS won't tell you to deposit your stimulus check then send them money back because they paid you more than they owed you. That's a [fake check scam](#).
- Report scams to the Federal Trade Commission at [ftc.gov/complaint](https://ftc.gov/complaint).
  - To keep up with the latest scams, [sign up for the FTC's consumer alerts](#).







## News From O'Fallon Fire Rescue

For the first time in the 21-year history of the O'Fallon Fire Golf Tournament, we have unfortunately decided to cancel the event that was scheduled on Friday, June 5, 2020. This decision did not come easily. However, the health and well-being of our dedicated supporters must be our number one concern. Therefore, taking safety into consideration, we have officially cancelled the event for this year and have secured the golf course for our annual event next year on Friday, June 4, 2021.

# Grilling Safety

**There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling.**

## SAFETY TIPS

- » Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- » The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- » Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- » Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- » Never leave your grill unattended.
- » Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

## CHARCOAL GRILLS

- » There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- » If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- » Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- » There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- » When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

## PROPANE Grills

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off the gas tank and grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not move the grill.

If the flame goes out, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least 15 minutes before re-lighting it.

## FACTS

- ! July is the peak month for grill fires.
- ! Roughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.



Your Source for SAFETY Information

NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169

[www.nfpa.org/education](http://www.nfpa.org/education)

## COVID-19 Information – Face Coverings

The following three pages are courtesy of the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/DIY-cloth-face-covering-instructions.pdf>

# Use of Cloth Face Coverings to Help Slow the Spread of COVID-19

## How to Wear Cloth Face Coverings

Cloth face coverings should—

- fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face
- be secured with ties or ear loops
- include multiple layers of fabric
- allow for breathing without restriction
- be able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape

## CDC on Homemade Cloth Face Coverings

CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies), **especially** in areas of significant community-based transmission.

CDC also advises the use of simple cloth face coverings to slow the spread of the virus and help people who may have the virus and do not know it from transmitting it to others. Cloth face coverings fashioned from household items or made at home from common materials at low cost can be used as an additional, voluntary public health measure.

Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cloth face covering without assistance.

The cloth face coverings recommended are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators. Those are critical supplies that must continue to be reserved for healthcare workers and other medical first responders, as recommended by current CDC guidance.

## Should cloth face coverings be washed or otherwise cleaned regularly? How regularly?

Yes. They should be routinely washed depending on the frequency of use.

## How does one safely sterilize/clean a cloth face covering?

A washing machine should suffice in properly washing a cloth face covering.

## How does one safely remove a used cloth face covering?

Individuals should be careful not to touch their eyes, nose, and mouth when removing their cloth face covering and wash hands immediately after removing.

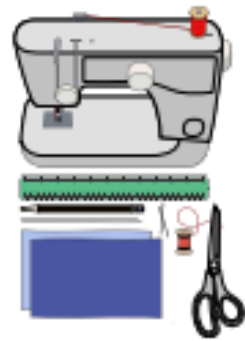




# Sewn Cloth Face Covering

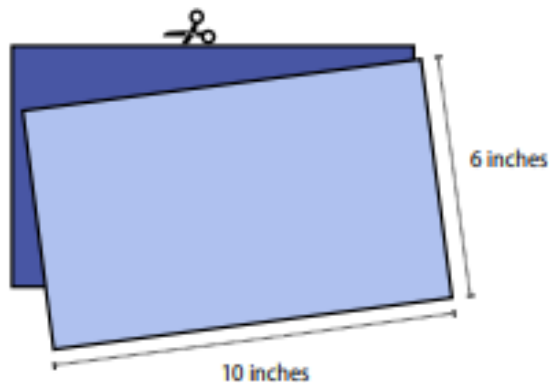
## Materials

- Two 10"x6" rectangles of cotton fabric
- Two 6" pieces of elastic (or rubber bands, string, cloth strips, or hair ties)
- Needle and thread (or bobby pin)
- Scissors
- Sewing machine

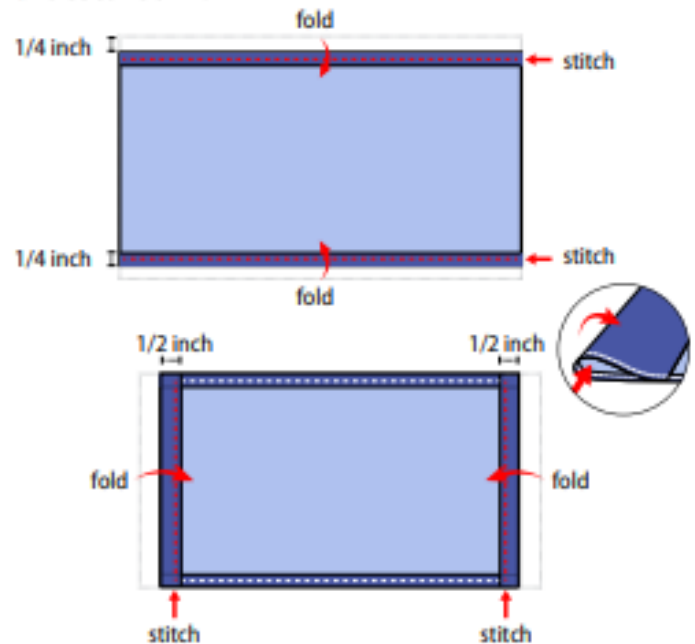


## Tutorial

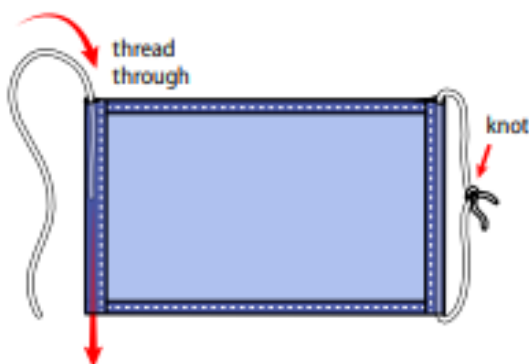
1. Cut out two 10-by-6-inch rectangles of cotton fabric. Use tightly woven cotton, such as quilting fabric or cotton sheets. T-shirt fabric will work in a pinch. Stack the two rectangles; you will sew the cloth face covering as if it was a single piece of fabric.



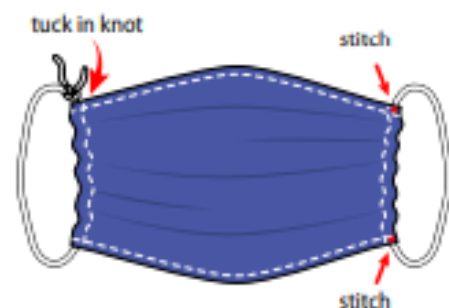
2. Fold over the long sides  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch and hem. Then fold the double layer of fabric over  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch along the short sides and stitch down.



3. Run a 6-inch length of  $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch wide elastic through the wider hem on each side of the cloth face covering. These will be the ear loops. Use a large needle or a bobby pin to thread it through. Tie the ends tight. Don't have elastic? Use hair ties or elastic head bands. If you only have string, you can make the ties longer and tie the cloth face covering behind your head.



4. Gently pull on the elastic so that the knots are tucked inside the hem. Gather the sides of the cloth face covering on the elastic and adjust so the mask fits your face. Then securely stitch the elastic in place to keep it from slipping.

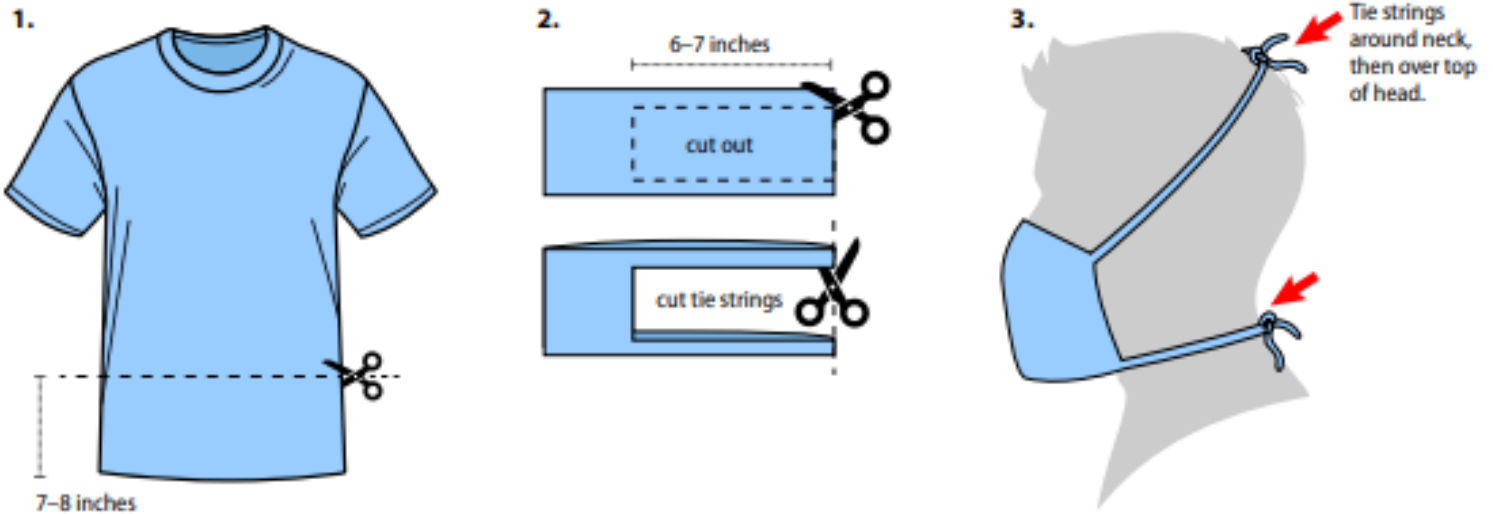


## Quick Cut T-shirt Cloth Face Covering (no sew method)

### Materials

- T-shirt
- Scissors

### Tutorial



## Bandana Cloth Face Covering (no sew method)

### Materials

- Bandana (or square cotton cloth approximately 20"x20")
- Rubber bands (or hair ties)
- Scissors (if you are cutting your own cloth)

### Tutorial

