Coronavirus: How to wear and use your FFP2 mask

When buying an FFP2 mask, look out for the following:
- Labelled as FFP2 mask
- CE marking
- EN identification
- Four-digit number to identify the certifying testing institution
- No exhalation valve

Before putting on your FFP2 mask, wash your hands thoroughly with soap or sanitise them.

When unwrapping the FFP2 mask, make sure you don’t touch the inside of the mask. Use your index fingers to push the nose wire into shape.

Position the loops behind your ears and pull the mask over your chin and then over your nose. Use your index fingers to press the nose wire firmly into place.

Check that the FFP2 mask fits closely on your face. No air should escape round the edges.

Do not touch or adjust your FFP2 mask while wearing it.

After taking off your FFP2 mask, wash your hands thoroughly with soap or sanitise them.

Do not carry your FFP2 mask around in your trouser pocket or a bag that you use frequently. Ideally, use a separate bag.

Do not leave the FFP2 mask hanging round your neck because this could allow microorganisms to get on to your skin.

Always remove the FFP2 mask from the back, using the straps, and otherwise do not touch it.

FFP2 masks are essentially single-use masks. If used carefully, they can be used more than once. If the FFP2 mask becomes moist or damaged, dispose of it with household refuse.

Even when wearing an FFP2 mask, continue to observe general hygiene and protective measures and the 2-metre social distancing rule.

A comprehensive summary of all measures applicable throughout Austria is available at sozialministerium.at/faqcoronavirus.

* The following standards are regarded as at least equivalent: FFP3 (Europe), N95 (NIOSH-42C FR84, USA), P2 (AS/NZ 1716:2012, Australia/New Zealand), KF94 (Korea 1st Class KMOEL-2017-64), DS (Japan JMHFW-Notification 214, 2018), KN95 (GB2626-2006, China)