

Additional Considerations:

- The CDC specifies 100% Cotton fabric.
- Handmade masks do not replace the N95 Masks but can be used as a washable barrier to prolong the life of N95 masks.
- Hospitals require the N95 mask, but Spectrum Health Ludington Hospital is accepting the alternative, handmade mask.
- Community caregivers generally do accept handmade masks.
- Handmade masks will help inhibit the transfer of projectile droplets.
- Handmade masks are not FDA approved for medical use.
- Handmade masks are ideal as a simple physical barrier.
- Handmade masks are recommended to be washed before each use.

Enhancements:

- An open edge on long side to allow for insertion of additional disposable filter layer.
- Light wire to form around nose. 22-26 gauge jeweler's wire or pipecleaner.
- Pleated surface allows more room to breathe.