

MCLB ALBANY SAFETYGRAM

AVOID A VALVED MASK AND USE A FACE COVERING

Some face masks have a plastic valve embedded in the material. This is a one-way valve which prevents some aerosols from being inhaled but does not prevent them from being exhaled.

When you wear a face mask with a valve, most of the exhaled air is unfiltered, and you're potentially putting others at risk to the SARS-CoV-2 virus.

WEAR THIS
CLOTH FACE COVERING



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MASK WITH VALVE

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WEAR THIS
DISPOSABLE FACE MASK



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MASK WITH VALVE




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REGULATION FACE MASK



NOT THAT
MASK WITH VALVE

Follow CDC's Guidance:

Masks with valves are advertised frequently online and often look both functional and fashionable. The buyer, however, probably does not know the mask with valves defeat the CDC's intended purpose, to protect other people.

-  The CDC recommends wearing a cloth face covering in public and 6-foot social distancing.
-  As you exhale using mask with a valve, the outgoing mixture of carbon dioxide, oxygen, water vapor and, yes, possibly SARS-CoV-2 viral particles releases unfiltered.
-  Washing your hands frequently and maintaining physical distancing remain the best ways out of this pandemic. A face covering, without a valve, worn in public is the final piece. It shows you care about other people's health, too.

It's easy to spot a mask that could put anyone who comes within 6 feet of the wearer at risk of SARS-CoV-2 exposure. Look for a little plastic valve. To find out more about CDC's intent of using face coverings, please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>.



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