

*Maxim's employees working with patients in the home should follow this guidance when using and cleaning a bandana or cloth face mask. Guidance is based on information provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) NOTE: If you are an employee working in a facility, follow the protocol established by the facility regarding cloth masks or bandanas.*

### **How to use a cloth face mask or a bandana:**

- Always leave patient care area when removing face mask
  - Storage:
    - Face masks should be carefully folded so that the outer surface is held inward and against itself to reduce contact with the outer surface during storage.
    - The folded mask can be stored between uses on the same patient (if not washing), in a clean sealable paper bag or breathable container.
- Never reuse a cloth mask when visiting a new patient. Use a different cloth/bandana for each patient.
- Always carry a separate "dirty bag" for cloth masks that need to be washed.

### **How to clean a cloth face mask or bandana:**

- Wash in hot soapy water.
  - If hot water is not used, Chlorine bleach or an activated-oxygen laundry detergent should be used.
- Dry in clothes dryer immediately.
- Iron with a hot iron.
  - Set hot iron to temperature recommended for fabric type (is not required, but is recommended for providing additional significant micro-biocidal action).

If you have any questions, please contact your local Maxim clinical representative or Employee Relations ([employeerelations@maxhealth.com](mailto:employeerelations@maxhealth.com)).