

# The Presidential 100-day mask challenge



The president is asking Americans to wear masks for 100 days, and he signed an executive order which imposes a mask mandate on federal property. He said, “wearing masks isn’t a partisan issue - it’s a patriotic act that can save countless lives.”

In an recent editorial published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* (JAMA), CDC reviewed the latest science and affirms that cloth face coverings are a critical tool in the fight against COVID-19 that could reduce the spread of the disease, particularly when used universally within communities. There is increasing evidence that cloth face coverings help prevent people who have COVID-19 from spreading the virus to others.

“We are not defenseless against COVID-19,” said CDC Director Dr. Robert R. Redfield. “Cloth face coverings are one of the most powerful weapons we have to slow and stop the spread of the virus – particularly when used universally within a community setting. All Americans have a responsibility to protect themselves, their families, and their communities.”



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